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12 TOWNS RAZED, 135 KNOWN DEAD IN EARTHQUAKE

CHARLES W. POST, MILLIONAIRE, ENDS LIFE BY SHOOTING

Manufacturer Who Recently Underwent Operation at Rochester, Minn., Shoots Himself With a Rifle at His Winter Home in California.

WIFE AND NURSE FIND HIS BODY

Gun Had Been Placed in Mouth and Trigger Pulled With Toe; Had Been Nervous Since His Illness.



C. W. POST.

By Associated Press.

SANTA BARBARA, Cal., May 9.—With a bullet from a rifle he had concealed in his apartment, Charles W. Post, millionaire cereal manufacturer and an opponent of union labor, today killed himself at his winter home here.

Evading a trained nurse who had been attending him since he returned a few weeks ago from Rochester, Minn., where he underwent a major operation, he placed the muzzle of the rifle in his mouth and pulled the trigger with his toe.

When he returned here, Post seemed to be exceedingly nervous and Mrs. Post, who came with him, engaged trained nurses.

Post arose at his usual hour this morning, breakfasted and lounged about until 10 o'clock when he excused himself, telling his nurses on duty at the time that he wished to go to his room and lie down. Soon afterward a shot was heard. Mrs. Post and a nurse hurried upstairs and found the millionaire dead on the floor.

Mrs. Post and the nurse said they did not know how Post had procured the rifle. Its presence in the room was taken by them to indicate that he had planned his death for some time.

No inquest was expected and members of the family said they probably would take the body to Battle Creek, Mich., tonight.

POST OPERATED UPON MARCH 10

CHICAGO, May 8.—Two months ago C. W. Post was hurried across half the continent to Rochester, Minn., for treatment for an attack of appendicitis, which was believed to threaten his life. The operation, which was performed March 10, was considered successful and he departed for his Western home apparently cured.

The illness from which Post suffered was first manifest last December. At first it was considered a recurrence of a stomach trouble from which he formerly suffered.

The trip from Santa Barbara, Post's winter home, to the hospital at Rochester, Minn., was made with all the speed possible. As an extra precaution against delay the special train which carried the invalid was followed over the different roads by an extra engine prepared to take up the trip should accident interfere with the train.

The arrival at Rochester March 6 was three and a half hours ahead of time. A crowd at the station hampered the removal of the patient to the hospital and he was examined by specialists in the car before being taken to the hospital, where the operation was performed four days later.

The run of the special train from Los Angeles to Rochester was accomplished in 61 hours and 5 minutes, fully seven hours faster than the average schedule and making a record as the fastest run over the lines which carried the special.

Post's Attacks on Labor Unions Attracted Worldwide Attention. BATTLE CREEK, Mich., May 9.—Charles W. Post was one of the founders of the so-called health food industry. His business here, the manufacturing of breakfast foods, represented millions of dollars.

Post was born in Springfield, Ill., in 1854. He engaged in the hardware and other lines of business there until 1884, when his health broke down. He traveled extensively in search of treatment for some time and arrived here in 1891. His search for health was responsible, it is said, for his investigation into the health food subject and when his health had been regained he turned all of his attention to this line of endeavor.

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'CAP.' TROLL ASKED FOR A. & M. VOTE, DECLARES ARENDES

Interest in the Scherrer Free Bridge Approach Plan Also Revealed in Suit.

"WILL BLOW SCHEME UP"

Councilman Fletcher Comments on Revelations in Troll-Scherrer Disagreement.

That Charles Troll, more widely known as "Cap" Troll, owner of the mysterious mortgage on the strip of land used as the \$25,000 capital stock of the Alton & Mississippi Belt Line Railway, had lobbied among members of the Municipal Assembly to influence them to vote for the Alton & Mississippi free bridge approach, was made known Saturday in an interview given to a Post-Dispatch reporter by Councilman M. J. Arendes.

Councilman Arendes said Troll asked him to vote for the Alton & Mississippi scheme in the Council. Arendes and Troll have been personal friends for many years. Arendes has been one of the strongest supporters of the Reber approach. He said he was convinced that Troll had some kind of financial interest in the Alton & Mississippi approach when Troll asked him to vote for the bill.

"The revelation that Troll was interested with Scherrer in the A. & M. proposition blows that scheme up in my opinion," said Dr. Paul E. Fletcher, who has been the champion of the Alton & Mississippi approach in the Council. "It shows a bad state of affairs. Troll never asked me to support the A. & M. scheme. I scarcely know him. But I think the recent developments will give the A. & M. business a bad color with the public."

Delegate M. J. Whalen, who has been one of the strongest supporters of the A. & M. scheme, said he did not know that Troll had any connection with the scheme. He said he was sure that Troll had been given to the "Troll" trust in the Alton & Mississippi would turn the public against it as a speculation, Whalen said.

Whalen and Troll recently signed a surety bond together for Martin Hyatt, a particular friend of Troll's. James J. Gallagher, Democratic leader of the House of Delegates combine, Gallagher made arrangements at the courthouse for the bond to be signed by Troll and Whalen.

Gallagher and Troll were members of the same House of Delegates combine in 1907 and 1909, although Troll was a Republican and Gallagher a Democrat. Gallagher said he knew that Troll owned land on the East Side, but thought it was a matter of minor importance in connection with the Alton & Mississippi approach.

Identified With Scherrer. Delegate Brokaw, leader of the Reber approach forces in the House, said the exclusive publication in Friday's Post-Dispatch of "Cap" Troll's connection with the A. & M. approach confirmed what he long had suspected. He said he once had charged Troll with having a financial interest in the outcome of the Alton & Mississippi scheme and that Troll had frankly admitted it. He said Troll admitted he owned land that would be affected by both the Reber and the A. & M. approaches but gave him to understand that his principal interest was in the Alton & Mississippi approach.

Troll was identified with Leo J. Scherrer in the Alton & Mississippi scheme for several years, as shown by the fact that the mysterious "M. Johnson" mortgage was sold to Troll by Scherrer in 1910.

Troll told a Post-Dispatch reporter he owned all together about 420 acres of land on the east side of the river, the principal part of it being adjacent to the Alton & Mississippi approach. He owns three large tracts of land adjacent to the Orthwein tract on the east and the Alton & Mississippi right of way in the city.

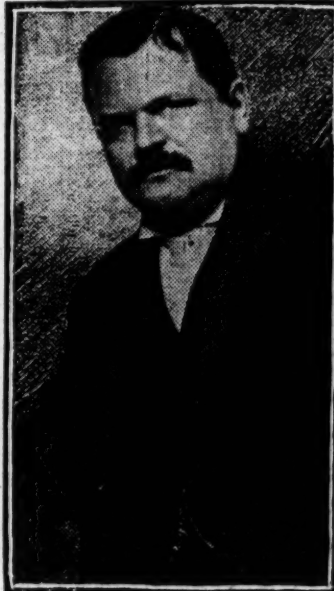
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ARMS FOR HUERTA NOT TO BE LANDED BY GERMAN SHIPS

Arrangements Made Whereby War Munitions Billed for Puerto Mexico Will Be Returned to Shippers—Vessel Agents Make This Concession.

LEHMANN CONFERS WITH PRESIDENT

St. Louisan Expected to Be Delegate to Mediation Conference—War Department Rounds Up Transports and Holds Them Ready.



FRED W. LEHMANN.

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, May 9.—On receipt of information from Havana from American Consul Rodgers, who had been watching the situation, that munitions consigned to Gen. Huerta on German ships would be returned to Germany as a result of action "recommended by agents of the vessels," Secretary of State Bryan today announced that apprehension concerning shipments of arms to the Huerta Government had been averted.

The ammunition reported to have been consigned to the Huerta Government was shipped on the Kronprinzessin Cecilie, which had arrived at Puerto Mexico, and the Bavaria, now en route to the same port. Consul Rodgers announced that munitions on the Bavaria also would be returned to Germany by order of agents of the vessel.

State Department officials had under consideration before this action was made known, legal questions that might be involved in the unloading of munitions of war at Puerto Mexico during the armistice between this Government and Huerta. The department had also been considering whether anything could be done to prevent the landing of a cargo and it practically had been determined that it could do nothing, without seizing the Puerto Custom House, an open violation of the armistice.

Both the Kronprinzessin and the Bavaria fly the German flag and are owned by the Hamburg-American Line.

Army Preparations Go On. Retreating today his declaration of last night that there was nothing "imminent" in the Mexican situation, and that "no aggressive" move was in contemplation, Secretary of War Garrison continued supervision of preparations to send the balance of the second division of the army to Vera Cruz. Orders have gone to the Fourth and Sixth Brigades at Texas City to be ready to reinforce Gen. Funston.

Throughout the day War Department officials were engaged in gathering reports and up to noon arrangements were made for 11 ships, including the four regular army transports now at Galveston.

President Wilson again had under consideration today the proposed removal of American delegates to participate in the forthcoming mediation conference at Niagara Falls. In the connection he conferred with Fred W. Lehmann, former Solicitor General, who arrived from St. Louis. No selections have yet been announced by the President, however.

It was stated on high authority this afternoon that the three representatives of the United States from the following list: Associate Justices Charles Evans Hughes and Joseph Rucker Lamar of the United States Supreme Court; Fred W. Lehmann of St. Louis; and Newton Diehl Baker, Mayor of Cleveland, O. Mayor Baker already has accepted a proffer from the President to act as a representative and it is expected Lehmann will accept by tomorrow.

The South American mediation envoys held another conference during the day, but made no announcements. The mediators were satisfied from telegrams received from Mexico City last night that the Huerta delegates would sail today from Vera Cruz to Galveston and proceed direct to Niagara Falls for the conference opening on May 18. That the Huerta delegates actually would start today was taken as an indication that the point raised by Huerta as to the observance of the so-called armistice had not led him to the point of withholding from the conference. It was expected the Huerta delegates would receive a safe conduct through Vera Cruz, but their plans for reaching their destination were not known.

The South American envoys transmitted to Huerta today the reply of the American Government to his protest that the United States had broken the truce by landing additional troops at Vera Cruz. Secretary Bryan declared that no aggressive steps had been taken by the United States forces and that nothing had been done to violate the armistice. The three mediators took the view that Huerta could be convinced that the United States did not violate it in spirit at least.

While the diplomatic and military phases of the international drama compelled much attention observers turned to developments in the Huerta-Carranza strife. Rebels expressed confidence that their troops would drive the Federals out of Tampico in the next three or four days. That development it was hoped in some quarters would relieve tension over the menace to foreign property in the Tampico oil district.

American and foreign refugees arriving at Vera Cruz from the interior stated that all was quiet in Mexico City where Huerta had asserted he would see his capital in ashes before he would quit. The refugees praised Mexican officers for their conduct and evident anxiety to see that United States citizens were not disturbed. Reports reached San Diego, Cal., that two Americans had been killed and two wounded at a mine near Guadalajara.

Many inquiries as to the possibility of employing student militia during the Mexican crisis were received in Washington today. They were inspired by questions sent to Governors of the states asking about the condition of the National Guard. Indications today were that the militiamen would be used for patrol duty if it became necessary to call them out. They would relieve regular troops now on duty along the border and making them available for field duty.

CONSUL SILLMAN IS REPORTED TO BE SAFE

Grave Fears Had Been Entertained For American Official, Held at Saltillo.

WASHINGTON, May 8.—American Vice-Consul Sillman reported to be imprisoned by Mexican Federals at Saltillo is safe and well, according to a cable today. They were inspired by questions sent to Governors of the states asking about the condition of the National Guard. Indications today were that the militiamen would be used for patrol duty if it became necessary to call them out. They would relieve regular troops now on duty along the border and making them available for field duty.

Utica, N. Y., May 9.—Percival Van Ness of this city, a licensed aviator, was almost instantly killed here when his new biplane turned turtle. His mother witnessed the tragedy.

HUERTA TO "HOLD TIGHT AND TAKE FATE AS IT COMES"

Dictator Says He Will Keep Office Until Term Is Up or He Is Overthrown.

VOICES HIS COMPLAINTS

Not an American Harmed by His Order, He Says; Has Faith in the Mediators.

By EDWIN EMBERTON JR., A Staff Correspondent of the Post-Dispatch and New York World With Funston's Brigade.

Copyright, 1914, by Press Publishing Co. (New York World.) VERA CRUZ, May 8.—Gen. Huerta said this to me in Mexico City last Wednesday:

"I hope you have not come all this way to ask me again whether I will resign, for I am weary of being asked this impertinent question by American newspapers, who have even gone so far as to cable me about it. Only the other day a representative of your paper here sent me the same question again in a categorical written form and I answered him just as categorically that I have no intention whatever of resigning and to make quite sure the American public should at least understand me, I had my secretary send my denial to all the remaining foreign press correspondents here and furthermore, caused the Imperial and other newspapers of the capital to publish my denial here at home."

"Why should I resign? I have been called to my place as the provisional head of the only constitutional government of Mexico. It was with the precept of our national constitution and now that our country is in trouble it is my duty to stay in my appointed place and hold tight the reins of government until such time as my term is up or until the enemies of our constitutional government shall succeed in definitely overthrowing me."

"Ready for His Fate." "Whatever may come, I shall certainly face my fate and take it as it comes. I know many American newspapers say that I am preparing to slip away and flee to Europe, but you, who have known me as a soldier and who saw us in the battle days of Cone Jose, Rellano and Bachimila, must know me too well to believe me capable of such cowardice. "No, I am not like Madero's poor friend, Gen. Gonzalez, who committed suicide just because one battle turned against him. I prefer to follow the example of such stalwart Mexican presidents of the past as Guadalupe, Victoria, Comanillas Bravo, Comonfort, Benito Juarez and Porfirio Diaz, who had to face many adversities and disasters to their arms, but who never flinched and never forgot their duty to this sorely beset republic."

"Apart from my political enemies who wish to put themselves and their followers in our places, and apart from the present leader of our old, traditional enemy, the Republic of the North, who is clamoring for my resignation? All the best people of Mexico, of the most populous regions of the center and the South, are standing behind me. If you don't believe it, just look at the thousands of war volunteers marching through our streets every day acclaiming our government."

Regrettable Incidents. "Even the foreigners who are being wrenched from their profitable pursuits here, not by me, but by the cruel and alarming opportunities of the American Government, if they could have held a popular vote or census of the country, just for it is not a fact that not a single American foreigner has been harmed by an order of mine! On the contrary, I have always done all in my power to safeguard their persons and property."

"There have been regrettable incidents. I know, like the Vergara and the Tampico incidents, which happened without my knowledge and would never have been tolerated by me and I have also had to expel some foreign 'yellow journalists' because of their pernicious mendacity, but in my general dealings with foreigners all my efforts have always been toward correctness and fairness, which is certainly more than can be said of my political opponents in the North."

"If I had shot down an Englishman just because he dared to voice a protest against my methods of government, or what clamor would not have been raised against me in the United States? If I had expelled and robbed and ruined Spaniards by a single stroke, as was done the other day in Torreon, thus committing an affront not only to Spain but also to the American Government?"

"These Spaniards, with other foreigners in Torreon, of course, American Government had announced, were expressly placed under the protection of the American Government, which was duly represented by a regular, confidential diplomatic agent of the United States, who accompanied the rebels in the field, another unheard-of international proceeding when it is remembered that the

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60 SHOCKS ROCK ISLAND OF SICILY; HUNDREDS INJURED

King Orders Army and Navy to Relief of Stricken District Where Women and Children Were Chief Victims.

50 DEAD IN ONE VILLAGE; 20 BODIES FOUND IN OTHERS

Panic-Stricken Refugees Flock to Catania With Reports of the Disaster—Property Damage Is Said to Be Enormous—Casualty List Expected to Grow.

By Associated Press.

CATANIA, May 9.—Earthquake and volcanic eruption, followed by fire, destroyed a dozen villages on the slopes of Mount Etna last night.

Official reports late today placed the number of dead at 135 and the injured at 283. These figures probably will be increased by more detailed advices from the wrecked villages. A greater catastrophe was prevented by the fact that the final severe shock of earthquake was preceded by 60 others and many of the population had abandoned their houses and fled into the open country.

Refugees declare that the property loss is as great as in the Messina disaster of 1908, which was put at a billion dollars.

Fifty Dead in One Village, 20 in Three Others. Fifty persons are known to have been killed in the village of Linera, which was destroyed. Among the ruins of Passopomo, Bongiaro and Malati 20 bodies had been found this morning.

At Zafferana every house was destroyed. Enormous damage was caused at Santa Venerina. Roofs fell in and walls collapsed in the hamlets of Santa Maria Ammalati, Carico, Guardia, Mangano, Santa Tecla and Bongiaro.

The village of Santa Maria Vergine Catena was razed to the ground. The center of the disturbance was at the village of Linera. Here the proportion of dead and injured was heavy. The victims were mostly women and children. The property loss at Linera was also extremely heavy. The work of rescue was rendered difficult by the great accumulation of debris.

Railroad tracks were torn up, churches razed, houses shaken to ruin and telegraph poles overturned over a radius of several miles around Catania.

Terror-Stricken Refugees Rush to Catania. Terror-stricken people rushed from the villages into Catania, bringing stories of ruin and disaster. Their reports caused the authorities to take immediate steps to start measures of relief. The army, the navy and the civilian authorities received orders from Rome to render aid in the work of rescue. The aid of the Red Cross was quickly enlisted.

The first severe shock was felt at 7 o'clock last evening, but the fact that this had caused serious destruction was not known in Catania for some time, as railroad and telegraphic communication was interrupted. The extent of the catastrophe was not realized until this morning, when terror-stricken groups of refugees began streaming into town.

Refugees in the district are aiding in the endeavor to rescue those still alive beneath the ruins and to extricate the dead from the debris. All available nurses have been mobilized. Many of them are assisting in gathering the homeless and the children who have lost their parents. Temporary shelter is being provided for those in charge of the work of rescue that the death list would not be as heavy as at first reported.

According to refugees, fire in some places completed the work of destruction.

Improvised litters made of branches of trees and bushes, on which they were carrying dead and dying relatives to the temporary surgical stations, established by the surgeons and nurses. In the neighborhood of Santa Venerina the number of injured was very great.

The authorities have commandeered all available automobiles to assist in the work of rescue. The property damage was great in many villages. Churches and public buildings were destroyed and hundreds of houses fell to the ground.

Nevertheless it was believed by those in charge of the work of rescue that the death list would not be as heavy as at first reported.

Along the principal highways in the stricken district the scene of desolation is heartrending. Groups of refugees were frequently encountered. Many of these were burdened with

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Queen at Breakfast, Told of Quake, Wants to Start for Catania

KING VICTOR EMMANUEL was at breakfast with the Queen when the report of the earthquake was brought to him. His Majesty immediately gave orders that financial aid be sent and that the army and navy assist in succoring the injured. Queen Helena wished to start for the scene at once on board a warship, but the King persuaded her to remain in Rome for the present.

The Pope was informed of the catastrophe in a dispatch sent by Cardinal Praxedes-Nava, Archbishop of Catania, who said he was hastening to the scene of the disaster. The Pope ordered Cardinal Merry del Val to send immediately to the stricken district all the assistance in his power.

Catania Is Built on Bed of Lava at Foot of Volcano.

The vicinity of Catania, the scene of last night's earthquake, probably has suffered more than any other section in the world from volcanic eruptions and earthquakes. Catania itself is built on a bed of lava at the foot of the volcano of Etna and most of its streets are paved with lava.

Harvard Scientists Say Quake Is of Volcanic Origin.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., May 8.—Scientists at Harvard University said today that the Sicilian earthquake was volcanic in origin, as no record of any disturbance during the past 24 hours was shown by the university seismograph. Shocks of volcanic nature, it was explained, seldom extend far beyond the locality in which they originate.

In the earthquake and tidal wave at Messina and Calabria on Dec. 28, 1908, official figures of the number of deaths as 77,283, but it was unofficially estimated that from 150,000 to 200,000 people lost their lives. The damage to public and private property amounted to about a billion dollars. The United States took a prominent part in the relief work and with the funds placed at their disposal by the American public, sailors from the United States fleet erected large numbers of houses.

BANK TELLER'S SON IS RUN DOWN BY AN AUTO

Norvell Schulte, 5 Years Old, Is Seriously Hurt by Machine Driven by A. N. Crow.

Norvell Schulte, 5 years old, son of George P. Schulte, teller of the State National Bank, living at 3157 Gustine avenue, was run over Saturday by an automobile driven by Albert N. Crow, of 387 Hartford street.

The boy had been sent to a grocery and was returning home. He attempted to cross the street back of a brick wagon that was going north. Crow, driving south, did not see him in time to stop.

The boy was taken to the Lutheran Hospital, where his condition was pronounced serious.

It was said an X-ray examination would have to be made to ascertain his injuries.

Crowder was held at the Magnolia avenue station on the charge of careless driving.

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McADOO'S HONEYMOON AT SUMMER WHITE HOUSE

President's Daughter and Her Husband Arrive at Harleken in New Hampshire.

CORNISH, N. H., May 8.—William G. McAdoo, Secretary of the Treasury, and his bride, the daughter of the President, arrived yesterday to spend their honeymoon at Harleken, the summer White House.

Three servants preceded them here by only three hours and the great house, which had not been occupied since last fall, had barely been opened when the couple entered its doors.

Former Mrs. Cleveland Returns. LIVERPOOL, May 8.—Mrs. Thomas J. Preston Jr., formerly Mrs. Grover Cleveland, called for New York today on board the Lusitania. She intends to spend only a brief stay in the United States.

Map Showing Extent of "Cap." Troll's Realty Holdings Along A. & M. Route



Huerta Says He'll Hold on and Take Fate as It Comes

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belligerency of the rebels had not been recognized by the United States. "But, in the face of the recent happenings at Vera Cruz, how can the civilized world still expect any adherence to international principles of right from the United States; between our republic and the republic of the North there has long stood a treaty of international friendship and comity by the terms of which both nations have agreed to respect each other's rights and integrity of national territory."

"This treaty has never been abrogated, yet, without any declaration of war, or even any declaration of blockade, or any notice of any kind, the President of this neighboring nation, bound to us by the aforesaid treaty of friendship and amity, has taken it upon himself to refuse a ship of another friendly nation admittance to one of our ports, to cancel his sailors and soldiers, to seize our principal custom house, to enter into an armed conflict with our people on their home soil, and to proceed to seize the entire civil government of the oldest city of our republic, while, at the same time, confiscating and commandeering the private property of many natives and foreigners."

"All that was done to prevent the proper delivery to the Mexican Government of an American shipment of arms, contracted for by an American, which the Mexican Government intended to put down these very revolutionary disorders, the nonstoppage of which was one complaint voiced by Minister John Lind, confidential envoy of President Wilson. Yet, while our shipment of arms, purchased arms was this violently stopped, President Wilson's Government had expressly lifted all the embargo on the passage of arms into Mexico and was permitting daily the passage of arms into Chihuahua and Sonora to the rebels."

"In this a sample of the famous Anglo-Saxon fair play?"

"If such proceedings are to be condoned merely on the principle that might makes right, it destroys forever the greatest dreams of independence of the small or weak republics of Latin America. This is why I have confidence in Mexico's fair treatment by the delegates of the mediating A. B. C. Powers."

"Without wishing to commit myself concerning the instructions to our delegates, departing here on Friday, I feel confident that the mediating republics will recognize the principle that the big Northern republic has no right to dictate the forms of government, or methods of elections in the neighboring smaller republics as already undertaken with such sinister results in Cuba, Santo Domingo, Panama and Nicaragua."

"What would Americans say if the Latin-American republics attempted to interfere with the American methods of international government, the American elections, or if a Latin-American President could say that President Wilson must dream of independence of the big Northern republic has no right to dictate the forms of government, or methods of elections in the neighboring smaller republics as already undertaken with such sinister results in Cuba, Santo Domingo, Panama and Nicaragua."

"If the A. B. C. conference is confined to the single Tampico incident. All the world must know by this time that after the regrettable Tampico incident was brought to my notice I gave ample assurance that I would do the right thing and stood ready to have the authorities fire the correct salute, but without waiting even to reply to my formal assurances the United States without warning overnight, seized Vera Cruz, killing poor young naval cadets who dared to stand by their flag."

"Whatever the outcome of the A. B. C. conference, I feel confident Mexico's grievances will be well voiced, for all Mexicans, even including my enemies, must admit that I have designated the best representatives and unexceptionable men, to-wit: Louis Elguero, a distinguished corporation lawyer, out of all politics; Augustin Rodriguez, the eldest attorney for church interests in Mexico, and Emiliano Ruelas, our greatest living constitutional lawyer, Governor of Chiapas under Porfirio Diaz, Senator from Chiapas under Francisco Madero and my first appointed Ambassador to Washington, who is most favorably known in Mexico for the authorship of many enlightening books, the last of which is entitled 'The Constitution and the Dictatorship.' With such men to speak for us, I am satisfied to leave our cause at Niagara Falls in their hands, but who knows whether they will ever be heard, for the course of the Americans at Vera Cruz is such that any spark may fly into gunpowder and our people may have to fight for the integrity of their homes and families."

Only arrival at Mexico City city.

William G. Meyers of Parsons, Kan., boarded an Eighteenth street car at Union Station about 8 a. m., Saturday to go to the Washington Hotel. When he alighted from the car at Olive street he missed his purse containing \$250. He recalled having been jostled by three men when he got on the car.

Before the disagreement between Troll and Scherrer, Troll was active in South St. Louis, creating sentiment in favor of the Alton & Mississippi approach. Troll has long been identified actively with Republican politics in South St. Louis, and has exercised almost complete control over several wards.

The suit which Troll filed against Scherrer and the Alton & Mississippi Co. in Belleville, Friday, to foreclose the mortgage on the E-A-C tract, was prepared by Harry Troll of St. Louis, half-brother of "Cap." Troll, and sent to an East St. Louis law firm. Troll says the suit was held up several days, to give Scherrer a chance to make a settlement. When he failed to pay the interest due on the mortgage, the suit was ordered filed by "Cap." Troll.

MONEY: I've a job now. The diamond did it that I thought I lost. National Credit Jewelers, 307 N. 6th st.

PICKPOCKETS GET \$250

Kansas Is Victim of Car Jostlers.

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TROOPS BEGIN TO DISARM COLORADO STRIKE FACTIONS

Union Will Not Give Relief to Those Who Do Not Obey Proclamations.

By Associated Press. TRINIDAD, Colo., May 8.—Federal army officers today began to receive arms and ammunition from all residents of the Trinidad districts in the strike zone, pursuant to the proclamation published late yesterday, calling upon law-abiding citizens to surrender all classes of arms to the Federal troops.

The strikers gathered at the tent colony in San Rafael Heights. Citizens appeared with weapons at the various places which had been prescribed by the proclamation.

As each gun was surrendered a receipt was given in triplicate. A copy of the receipt was given to the officers of the United Mine Workers of America here, another to the owner of the weapon and the third was kept by the army officer. No intimation was given by the officers that charge as to what would become of the weapon ultimately except the assurance that the arms would not be given out again by the troops to any save their rightful owners. Possibly they will be confiscated by the Federal Government.

At every designated depository crowds of curious assembled and speculation was rife as to the total number of guns which would be received by the army officers in compliance with the proclamation. The officers themselves did not believe they would obtain even a majority of the guns in the district. Practically all of the army officers in executive positions had had experience in the Philippine Islands in disarming the natives and have indicated that they might pursue the course adopted there that of a discriminate search and seizure.

"Any member of the union failing to comply with the order to surrender weapons will be stricken from the relief list and barred from membership in the United Mine Workers of America," concluded the union order, sent out by William Diamond, international representative of the union.

The mine operators' statement read: "Our guns have been waiting collection by the Federal officers for some time, and when the soldiers go for them they will find them all there—machine guns and all."

Col. James Lockett, commanding the Eleventh United States Cavalry detailed to the southern strike district declined to detach a detail from his force to go to the northern fields to which he had been urged to send by Col. Lockett, said that he had no official call for aid but only reports from citizens and miners. He advised Gov. Ammons that he might send state troops thither if he thought it necessary.

His officials planned yesterday to obtain an audience with President Wilson concerning the re-establishment of the Ludlow tent colony. Col. Lockett has refused to treat further concerning this phase of the situation.

Colorado Assembly Debates \$1,000,000 Bond Issue and Arms Embargo.

DENVER, Colo., May 8.—The compulsory arbitration bill and the administration bill authorizing the Governor to forbid the importation of arms ran the course of debate in the Senate Committee of the Whole yesterday. The arbitration bill will be up for final passage on third reading when the Senate reconvenes Monday. The arms bill was referred back to the Judiciary Committee.

The House debated the bill submitting a \$1,000,000 bond issue for military expenses. Just before adjournment Representative C. J. Leftridge introduced a bill for a 5 mill levy to liquidate past military indebtedness.

ED: "I'm broke; just paid cash for diamond." JOHN: "I'm not, I bought mine at Lett's Bros. 2d floor, 308 N. 6th st. It's a beauty."

Rebel Conquest of Mazatlan Is Imminent.

By Associated Press. S. S. CALIFORNIA, MAZATLAN, Mex., May 8.—(By Wire) to San Diego, Cal., May 8.)—The fall of Mazatlan seems to be imminent. The city officials embarked last night on the Federal gunboat Guerrero, and the steamer Limantour, both of which are ready to sail for Salina Cruz.

The Federals have abandoned the gunboat Morelos.

A wild shot from the Guerrero today passed through a street of the city, creating a panic.

As a result of a three days' battle the townspeople are in a state of terror and hundreds are fleeing.

It is reported that C. E. Healey, an American and G. H. Williams, an Englishman, were killed and two other Americans, Walter Neil and Patrick Baird, were wounded near El Favor Mine in the vicinity of Hostipulito.

By order of Huerta, lighthouse service on the west coast of Mexico has been abandoned and the coast has been left in darkness.

Visitor Frightens Robber Away.

William Hartman, a candy dealer at 2622 Franklin avenue, was sitting in the rear of his store about 10:15 p. m. Friday, when a robber entered the store and pointed a revolver at him.

The robber, who was sitting in a corner of the room where he could not be seen by the highwayman, jumped to his feet. The robber fled.

FOR DELICATE CHILDREN

A Mother's Letter to Mothers.

Mrs. E. W. Cooper of Bloomfield, N. J., writes: "My child, seven years old, had a bad cold and was weak and quite rundown in health. She had been in this condition for about six weeks when I began giving her Vinol. It was a wonderful help to the child, breaking up her cold quickly and building up her strength beside. I have also found Vinol a most excellent tonic for keeping up the children's strength during a siege of whooping cough."

Vinol is a wonderful combination of two world-famous tonics—the medicinal body-building elements of cod liver oil and iron for the blood, therefore it is a perfectly safe medicine for children, because it is not a patent medicine, everything in it is printed on every package, so mothers may know what they are giving their little ones.

Therefore, we ask every mother of a weak, sickly or ailing child in this vicinity to try Vinol on our guarantee.

E. S. Our Sazo Salve is truly wonderful for Eczema. We guarantee it.

Chester Kent & Co., Chemists.

Wolf-Wilson Drug Co., St. Louis, Mo.

And at Drug Stores that show this sign.

NEW HAVEN BANKS THREATEN CHARTER OF NEW YORK BANK

Investigation Started Into \$11,000,000 Deal Between National City and Billard.

By Wire From the Washington Post. WASHINGTON, May 8.—The Interstate Commerce Commission has issued subpoenas commanding the appearance in Washington next week of some of the directors responsible for the management of the New Haven Railroad during the period that many millions of its dollars "vanished in thin air."

The directors upon whom subpoenas were served or will be served are William Rockefeller, Lewis Cass Leary, George McCulloch Miller, and George F. Baker. These men, all prominent in the "who's who" in the millionaire clubs, are to be asked to explain why they permitted the expenditures of vast sums of money belonging to the stockholders for unprofitable trolleys, steamships, the promotion of political ambitions, the passage of defeatist legislative measures, as well as sums given to lobbyists and other persons who rendered questionable service in return for the amounts paid them.

While the commission is preparing for the quizzing of these directors the Comptroller of the Currency is contemplating some action against the National City Bank of New York for violations of the Federal banking laws in connection with the transactions of the mysterious Billard company which has already been shown to have been really a subsidiary to the New Haven Railroad Co.

Billard Borrowed \$11,000,000.

John T. Billard, the Connecticut coal dealer, who brought the Billard company into existence and sprung into the limelight over night as the purchaser of the Boston & Maine Railroad, testified yesterday that he had borrowed \$11,000,000 from the National City Bank, depositing 100,000 shares of Boston & Maine stock as security. He obtained this stock from the New Haven at \$15 a share, and by device manipulated it back to the same company for \$150, making a profit of \$2,750,000.

The point in Billard's testimony that interested the Comptroller of Currency is that if Billard's testimony is true the National City Bank is guilty of violating section 520 of the National bank law, which provides:

"The total liabilities to any association or any person or of any company, corporation or firm for money borrowed, including the liabilities of the several members thereof, shall at no time exceed one-tenth part of the amount of capital stock of said associations actually paid in and unimpaired surplus fund; provided, however, that the total such liability shall in no event exceed 20 per centum of the capital stock of the association. But the discount of bills of exchange drawn in good faith and actual existing values and the discount of commercial or business paper actually owned by the person negotiating the same shall not be considered as money borrowed."

Limited to \$5,000,000 Loan.

In 1909, the date of the \$11,000,000 transaction between John T. Billard and the National City Bank, the capital stock of the National City Bank of New York was \$25,000,000, and its surplus \$25,000,000. These facts are set forth in the sworn statement of the officials of the bank to the Comptroller of the Currency.

Under the law the bank was limited to loaning any one person \$5,000,000, or 10 per cent of its capital and surplus. Billard has sworn that he borrowed \$11,000,000, or 20 per cent of the bank's capital and surplus.

Beyond admitting that he had requested the Interstate Commerce Commission to turn over the check for \$11,000,000 which secured the Billard-National City Bank transaction, Comptroller of the Currency John Skelton Williams would not discuss the matter today.

It was learned, however, that he will convene an Attorney-General McReynolds on Monday to determine what steps shall be taken against the National City Bank.

In previous cases where national banks have violated the provisions of the banking act, charters of the offending banks have been annulled, or it is within the province of the Comptroller of the Currency to prescribe the penalty to be enforced.

RICH ST. LOUIS WOMAN SUES TO DIVORCE LAWYER

Mrs. Sallie Thomas Says She Once Considered Ending Life; Left Husband Instead.

Mrs. Sallie M. Thomas of 722 Westminster place filed suit Friday to divorce Morris E. Thomas, a Chicago lawyer. She declares the difference in temperaments, her husband's ideas about the place of a wife in the home and his alleged persistency in treating her as a mental slave it impossible for her to continue to live with him.

They were married April 27, 1902, and separated June 30, 1904, at which time the plaintiff says, she found it necessary to leave. She said she had contemplated ending her life and probably would have done so had she been compelled longer to live with her husband.

Mrs. Thomas said she and her husband were both lawyers. She said she was a mother of six children, and that she had filed a cross bill. This case did not go to trial. Thomas, it is stated, has a lucrative practice and his wife is wealthy in her own right, having inherited a fortune from her father. She is living with her mother, Mrs. Lee W. Van Cleave. She is a daughter of Mrs. Della C. Meyersburg, 2022 Washington boulevard.

Saint Louis leads the world in stoves and the leaders in Saint Louis just now are "Buckley" stoves, which are used only in case iron stoves, which are used only in case iron stoves.

SUFFRAGISTS IN A BIG PARADE TO NATIONAL CAPITOL

Women Besiege Congress With Petitions for Amendment Giving Them Right to Vote.

WASHINGTON, May 8.—Thousands of suffragists from every state in the Union paraded through Washington streets today to the Capitol, where they besieged Congress with petitions demanding passage of a resolution for a constitutional amendment giving women the right to vote. There were 321 women in the "Petition brigade," and marching with them were hundreds of flower-garlanded girls, a chorus of 100 strong, 30 bands, divisions of suffrage cavalry, members of many suffrage organizations and a delegation from the Pennsylvania Men's League for Suffrage.

Throng began to line the route of the parade early in the day. They stretched along streets from Lafayette Park, the starting point of the parade, to the east plaza of the Capitol, where the climax of the demonstration was to be enacted by the singing of the new suffrage psalm by Miss Ethel Smyth of England. To the accompaniment of the massed bands 1000 white-robed women wearing stoles of green were to sing the "March of the Women," for which they had been rehearsing for weeks.

Trains arriving in the capital showed the army of suffragists, who have been gathering here during the week until long before noon it was estimated there were more than 5000 demonstrators here. Many of the delegations brought their life and drum corps and marching squads of girls.

Early in the day the suffragists gathered to gather at Lafayette Park opposite the White House. Many of them made no attempt to crowd into the theater where Mrs. William Kent, wife of Representative Kent of California, presided at a mass meeting at which Senator Bristow and Representative Mondell, who fathered the suffragist resolution in Congress, spoke. Mrs. Julia Barrett Rubles, mounted grand marshal of the procession, with her aids, reached the park with Mrs. George Odell, chairman of the foot marshals, and soon after their aids began arriving to weld the numerous delegations into pageant line. A huge banner to be carried at the head of the parade was unfurled. On it was this inscription: "We demand the passage of the Bristow-Mondell resolution."

Members of the cavalry sections with their purple, white and gold flags dashed in and out through the throng lining up the white garbed chorus women, yellow-sashed flower girls, delegations of union women wearing uniforms of their trades and the girls of the pageant division who were to typify "Spring, Youth and Hope."

Usual precautions had been taken by the police to prevent a repetition of scenes of disorder which marked last year's parade.

Early in the day as the throngs of marchers began to gather it became evident that the parade would be the greatest suffrage demonstration ever witnessed in Washington.

At the Capitol awaiting the coming of the marchers were Senators Thomas, Bristow, Owen, Chamberlain, Flanders, Sterling, Gallinger, Keary, Sutherland, Jones and Thompson and Representatives Mondell, Falconer, Stone, Hapley, Bryan of Washington, Sabath, Campbell, Knowland, Kahn, Keating and Madden.

National "Mother's Day" Is Set.

WASHINGTON, May 8.—Hereafter the second Sunday of May will be National "Mother's Day." The Senate agreed to the House resolution requesting the President to issue a proclamation Sunday as Mother's Day, and designating the second Sunday of each May.

BAD OPERATION AVOIDED

By Timely Use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

Mrs. Sower's Own Statement.

"I feel it a duty I owe to all suffering women to tell what Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound did for me. One year ago I found myself a terrible sufferer. I had pains in both sides and such a weakness I could scarcely straighten up at times. My back ached, I had no appetite and was so nervous I could not sleep, then I would be so tired in the mornings that I could scarcely get around. It seemed almost impossible to move or do a bit of work and I thought I never would be any better until I resorted to an operation."

Commenced taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and soon felt like a new woman. I had no pains, slept well, had good appetite and could do almost all my own work as a family of four. I shall always feel that I owe my good health to your medicine." Mrs. Hayward Bowers, Hodgdon, Maine.

If you will do not drag along until an operation is necessary, but at once take Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

If you have the slightest doubt that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound will help you, write to Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co. (confidential), Lynn, Mass., for advice. Your letter will be opened, read, and answered by a woman, and held in strict confidence.

Standing alone in its class, the high regard in which WHITE ROCK WATER is held by the doctors of today is attested by its enormous sale.

"There's Health in White Rock"

An instructor in music for that boy, girl, at home or in church, can be found through the Post-Dispatch Musical Warehouse.

ELROY V. SELLECK ARRESTED, CHARGED WITH EMBEZZLEMENT

Lawyer Accused of Obtaining \$4000 Under False Pretenses in Building of House.

Elroy V. Selleck, an attorney with offices in the New Bank of Commerce Building, was arrested Friday on bench warrants following the voting of indictments charging him with embezzlement and obtaining money under false pretenses. He was taken to the Sheriff's office and released on a \$500 bond.

Circuit Attorney Harvey Salsbery said the indictments on which Selleck was arrested were being prepared for formal presentation in court.

One of the indictments, he charges that Selleck obtained \$4000 of trust money from a client as agreed to erect a house as payment of the notes. He said it was stipulated that the house, when turned over to the client, should be free of incumbrances.

The indictment alleges that when the house was turned over to the client there were mechanics' liens against it, constituting an incumbrance, and that Selleck in failing to satisfy these liens placed himself in the position of obtaining money by false pretenses.

In the other indictment, Harvey said, it was charged that Selleck obtained \$4000 worth of stocks from a widow, in connection with Probate Court proceedings, and failed to make an accounting to his client.

An effort was made to disbar Selleck in 1912. After a commission appointed by the Court of Appeals had recommended that he be disbarred the Supreme Court of Missouri and the commission's finding, an order that Selleck be permitted to continue practicing law.

License Necessary, Says Selleck.

Selleck, when seen, said the house mentioned in one of the indictments was built for Rudolph Link and that the commission's finding, an order that Selleck be permitted to continue practicing law.

Selleck said he knew nothing of the transaction in which he is alleged to have obtained \$4000 worth of securities belonging to a widow.

CHILDREN WILL HAVE

CUTICURA SOAP

Because of its soothing emollient properties in all cases of irritation of the skin and scalp, especially when assisted by light touches of Cuticura Ointment, a fragrant, super-creamy emollient.

Samples Free by Mail.

"Feeling fit" is a matter of health. You can feel fit and full of vim and vigor through the regular use of a good mineral water.

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T. R. "CHARLATAN" AS EXPLORER. SAYS NOTED GEOGRAPHER

Former President "Possibly an Honest Politician," but A. Savage Lander Fitts Him as an Explorer; Calls Expedition in Brazil "a Fleasure Trip on a Steam Launch."

BRAZIL HAS NO SUCH RIVER, SAYS DR. RICE

American Discoverer Asserts Colonel's Story Has Many Discrepancies; and Believes It Was Told "as an Asset in Next Political Campaign."

Special Cable to the Post-Dispatch and New York World. Copyright, 1914, by Press Publishing Co. PARIS, May 9.—A. H. Savage Lander, a famous explorer and traveler, whose statements about interior Brazil Roosevelt is reported as intending to controvert before the British Royal Geographical Society, said today to a representative of the Exchange Telegraph Co.:

"Roosevelt is possibly an honest politician, but as an explorer I always had very great pity for him. I see by the papers he is going to contradict what I said about my discoveries. Before doing this I think it would have been advisable for him to penetrate the interior of Brazil himself on horseback or on foot instead of taking a pleasure trip of a steam launch."

"It seems to me he only copied the principal incidents of my voyage. I see he even has had the very same sickness as I experienced, and, what is more extraordinary, in the very same leg I had trouble with. These things happen every time to big explorers who read the books of some of the humble travelers who preceded them. I do not want to make any comment as to so-called scientific work of Col. Roosevelt, but as far as I am concerned he makes me laugh very heartily and I believe all those who have a little common sense will laugh just as much as I."

"Every one knows of Roosevelt's discovery of Africa and of the great dangers he encountered while exploring a railway line from Mombassa to Lake Victoria, not to mention his perilous crossing of the lake in a first-class steamboat. We will not speak of the hardships he met with on his trip down the Nile, also in a magnificent steamboat while he was discovering Egypt."

"I notice that in Brazil he discovered a river 100 miles long, and the French newspapers tell me he called this river the Bonifur. I think this name might be applied to his whole career."

Shrugging his shoulders and smiling, Lander said:

"He's a charlatan."

Dr. Hamilton Rice Criticizes T. R.'s Claims. PARIS, May 9.—Dr. Hamilton Rice, the noted American explorer, who is staying in London to receive on May 15 the gold medal of the Royal Geographical Society, which most coveted award is given annually for his explorations, told a Post-Dispatch correspondent today that he has been much amused reading Savage Lander's reply to Roosevelt, adding he thought it clever. Criticizing Roosevelt's claims, Rice said:

"To begin with, there is no river 100 miles long in South America, which has not been named by Indians and Caucheros, the latter of whom very wisely use names given by Indians, so that almost all the tributaries of the Amazon's valley bear Indian names, many of them in the Tupéguaxian language."

"In 1873, a Frenchman, Cuvieux, tried to change the name of the Guavare to 'De Lesseps,' but it was not accepted. In Mr. Roosevelt's interview latitudes are given out in a perfectly extraordinary way and very unscientifically."

The First Great Discrepancy.

"He says that this river is 1000 miles long and names it as coming in at 5 degrees 30 minutes. From 12 degrees 1 minute south to 5 degrees 30 minutes south we get, in line as the crow flies, a distance of 430 miles. If we take the tortuousness of the stream as two to one, it works out approximately to about 1000 miles. Now, he says that it lay, was six weeks descending the river, and that they made approximately two miles each day—that is 12 miles."

There is the first great discrepancy.

"Who was qualified in the party to take astronomical observations? Who did the mapping of the expedition? Certainly the Catholic priest did not, nor the two animal collectors, nor did Kermit Roosevelt, who never has had a sextant in his hand—and Roosevelt himself knows still less about it. There

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If you feel exhausted and weak or tire easily, don't try to brace up on liquor or some patent medicine that will produce the same effect.

It is only temporary, and the reaction leaves you in worse shape than before.

What you want is more strength. Father John's medicine is a pure food medicine; its ingredients are nourishing and strengthening. Nothing equals it as a tonic and body builder for throat and lung troubles.

Contains no alcohol or injurious drugs. Get a bottle today; it will make you strong. Remember, it has been in use fifty years.—ADY.

Safe Robber Who Posed as Lumber Salesman and Wife



JOHN R. KNOWLES AND WIFE.

was certainly no trained topographer in the party.

"Then, as to that river which comes out at 5 degrees 30 minutes. It is perfectly ridiculous to suppose this river had been unrecognized and unnamed, particularly when one considers that for years and years not only river steamers, but ocean steamers, had been ascending the Madeira."

Called Roosevelt an Amateur.

"If you look on any map you will find there are two rivers coming in, one at 5 degrees 10 minutes, called the Arepana or Arepana; then at 5 degrees 30 minutes, the Mataura comes in. Possibly one of these two streams is alluded to by Col. Roosevelt. To explore a river 100 miles long, which is full of rapids and rapids, as he claims it is, would take from eight months to a year and a half, and would require at least one man in the party trained and qualified to carry out the methods of surveying and take observations in different points correctly to determine differences."

Col. Roosevelt here, as in many other things, is purely an amateur, without the slightest pretence of professional skill, and, moreover, is a man of impulsive, impetuous temperament—qualifications which do not belong to a well-trained, successful explorer."

Again, the fact that they lost five of seven canoes in the rapids shows most unskillful rivermanship, and would never have occurred with Indians or people who knew anything about the country in such a land as Brazil. Furthermore, where did these canoes come from at the foot of an unknown river in South America; and, after five canoes were lost, where did they put all the men and stores?"

Playing Politics, Says Rice.

"Of course, one feels constrained to abide by the classic remark of Premier Aquilino, 'wait and see,' but from the data which we have already at hand, there is no conclusive evidence to lead to the belief that such a river has been found. Col. Roosevelt is using this claim for an ulterior motive. He understands human nature. He is doing it for effect, as an asset in his next political campaign, whereas true explorers travel for love of exploring."

The only reason he had anything to doubt about in this case was Savage Lander, and he thought, by hitting out first, he would have the field all to himself. But Lander has hit back with effect. Lander is a man of much greater experience than Roosevelt."

Dr. Scott Keltie, secretary of the Royal Geographical Society, said regarding Roosevelt's lecturing before the society:

"All we know is what has appeared in the papers. If Mr. Roosevelt offers to read a paper before us we shall be very glad to accept the offer."

Woman Announces as Progressive Candidate for State Auditor in Kansas.

EMPORIA, Kan., May 9.—Full Progressive tickets have been announced in 44 counties in Kansas, according to a report made to the State Central Committee of the party, which met here today with Henry J. Allen of Wichita, Kan., and the candidates for State and congressional offices. The meeting was the occasion for a statement from Allen that he intended to remain in the race as Progressive candidate for Governor.

During the day many announcements by candidates for State offices were filed with Miss Helen Eacker of Lawrence, Kan., who announced as a candidate for State Auditor.

SAFETY FIRST.

St. Louis Union Trust Co., 4th & Locust.

Widow Tries to End Life.

Mrs. Anna Meyer, 44 years old, a widow, swallowed poison at the home of her sister, Mrs. Edna Mahoney, 282 Indiana avenue, Friday night. She was dependent over the death of her husband three months ago. At the city hospital her condition was pronounced critical.

FATHER: My son, at your age I had started to save money by buying a diamond ring at Lott's Bros., 2d floor, 308 N. 4th st.

WOMAN CALLS MAN BURGLAR AS JOKE; FINDS HE IS ONE

Neighbor Says There Was Mystery About "Salesman" Who Proved to Be Safe Robber.

"That man downstairs must be a burglar," was the recent and often repeated remark of Mrs. S. A. Miller to her husband, as they heard John R. Knowles cautiously make his way by the rear entrance into his costly furnished first floor apartment of the Miller residence at 2641 Miami street in the early morning, usually about 4 or 5 o'clock.

Aside from this peculiar conclusion, Mrs. Miller thought little more of the nightly adventures of "the man downstairs," until Sheriff John S. Huff of Lebanon, Mo., called upon her and handed her several photographs of expert cracksmen arrested two weeks ago near Phillipsburg, Mo., on a charge of robbing a bank of \$172. And then Mrs. Miller recognized one of the prisoners as "the man downstairs," the others were his friends who frequently visited him at the Miller residence.

Posed as a Salesman.

Mrs. Miller told a Post-Dispatch reporter Friday there always was some mystery about Knowles, his carefree wife, his two regular visitors—Hogan and O'Brien—and the habit he had of coming home just before daylight. Knowles posed as a traveling lumber salesman and Hogan as a woods "crusier."

Trunks Left Behind.

Mrs. Knowles, who is 21 years old, told Mrs. Miller she was uneasy about her husband and hoped circumstances had not arisen which would compel her to return to a Chicago convent from which she had been graduated. Last week Mrs. Knowles received a letter telling her "Kelly" was in trouble at Lebanon. So early last Friday morning, with her baby, she silently left the Miller residence and has not returned.

Stove, Range and Furnace Repaired.

A. G. Brauer Supply Co., 218 N. 2d st.

Francis Joseph's Cough Improves.

VIENNA, May 9.—Improvement was noted in the cough of Emperor Francis Joseph, according to the bulletin issued last night. The bulletin added that otherwise his condition was unchanged.

Vigorous, virile men, those who succeed in every field of endeavor, drink a good mineral water freely.

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MORE EQUIPMENT AT VERA CRUZ IS ASKED BY FUNSTON

American Commander of City Hampered by Lack of Supplies; Recruits Also Sought.

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, May 9.—Gen. Funston has asked that the brigade equipment left behind at Galveston because of lack of room for horses and wagons on the transports, be sent forward. He is also asking that recruits for regiments here now assembled at recruiting depots in the United States be shipped.

The equipment includes a majority of the regimental wagon trains and horses for the signal corps. Lacking these the Signal Corps and Quartermaster's Department are hampered in their work about the city and at the outposts.

Reports from the north outposts and the aviators indicate that there are more regulars in that direction than was heretofore thought. One party of 50 was seen.

Americans Are Ignored.

They made no hostile demonstration and proceeded apparently without paying attention to the Americans. The largest party seen northward previously was a small squad which was sighted a few days ago by an aviator.

The army estimates the population of Vera Cruz, including troops and American and Mexican refugees, at between 40,000 and 50,000. This is one-third above normal and accounts for the water shortage. Efforts to limit the water consumption are in progress.

Army officers report that to insure the police are doing satisfactory work. Under the existing arrangement they handle only Mexicans, while the troops take care of the cases in which soldiers, sailors or foreigners are involved.

Comprehensive plans for the sanitation of Vera Cruz to insure the health not only of the American troops, but of the inhabitants as well, have been mapped out by Surgeon-General Gorgas of the army, and will be put into effect upon the arrival of two army sanitary experts detailed for that purpose.

The same method which Gen. Gorgas used to stamp out tropical disease in Panama will be employed and the medical corps is confident the city will be healthy when the task is completed.

The officers detailed are Maj. T. C. Lyster, who is now en route and should arrive next Monday or Tuesday, and Maj. Robt. A. Noble, who is now at Galveston awaiting transportation. Both have had experience in Panama.

The first step will be the safeguarding of the city's water supply and the adoption of methods of purification. The water supply at present from the Vera Cruz public waterworks now in possession of American troops is 1,500,000 gallons a day and there is also an independent supply from railroad yards and wells. The water from all of these sources will be analyzed and there is being shipped to Vera Cruz equipment for purification by means of chlorine gas and ultra violet rays.

Campaign Against Disease.

There will be a campaign against mosquitoes, stagnant pools and all other hygienic factors and malarial breeding conditions and the inhabitants will find themselves under strict rules of sanitary conduct. Yellow fever has not existed in Vera Cruz since Sept. 28, 1907.

While medical officers experienced in sanitation are already on the ground, the future steps contemplated comprehend the possibility of a protracted occupation of the city. The Surgeon-General's Department is also completing plans for conserving the health of the troops in the event that there is a general invasion of Mexico. These plans include preparations for sanitary care of volunteer troops in case they should be called out.

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Populist Party Founder Dies.

DALLAS, Tex., May 9.—Col. Milton Park, one of the founders of the Populist party and a leading figure in the Farmers' Alliance, died at his home here yesterday. He was 68 years old.

He said he was out of politics for all time. No consideration, he said, could induce him to enter the field.

Pedro Lascurain, Foreign Minister under Madero, has in an interview with the Post-Dispatch correspondent put a damper on the reports that he was to rise out of the disorder in the country as the one man who could unite all factions by assuming a provisional presidency in event of Huerta being forced out.

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DR. RYAN, ONCE HELD AS SPY, TELLS OF CAPTIVITY

Thrown Into Vile Cell and Often Threatened With Death—Red Cross Representative Robbed of Money and Papers—Always Under Guard.

By EDWIN EMERSON JR.

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VERA CRUZ, May 9.—Dr. Edward W. Ryan, the American Red Cross physician who was held under sentence of death at Zacatecas until word of his plight reached the State Department at Washington, was among the refugees who sailed yesterday from Puerto Mexico on the steamship Esperanza. He reached the coast from the capital in company with 600 other Americans.

On the last day of his two weeks' captivity I saw Dr. Ryan in his cell at the barracks of the Zapadores, Mexico City. He was held there incommunicado and it was through the courtesy of the Brazilian Minister that I gained access to him. Dr. Ryan was overjoyed at the meeting, declaring that I was the first American he had been allowed to speak to.

Guards stood constantly before his filthy cell, and until I made intercession for him he had not had a bath from the time of his arrest. Repeated threats of execution came from these guards, and even on the night before his release he was told that in the morning he was to be shot.

Dr. Ryan was unaware of the order for his release until I told him, and had been very downcast and apprehensive. As we talked together I was compelled to translate every word for the benefit of a captain who was present.

Called a "Gringo, Pig and Spy."

"I went to Torreon immediately after the battle there," Dr. Ryan said, "to do Red Cross work. I went to Saltillo, State of Coahuila, and from there by wagon to San Pedro, a distance of 125 miles. San Pedro is 30 miles from Torreon, where I arrived the day after you left."

"I was at the battle before Torreon, with the Constitutional forces."

"I was well received by Dr. Villareal, Chief Surgeon of Gen. Villa," Dr. Ryan continued.

"But while I was in Torreon a pick-pocket stole my wallet containing all my money and all my credentials. I got money through United States Consul."

"The Federal credentials was irreparable and I therefore determined to return home through the rebel lines."

"The news of the occupation of Vera Cruz and the impending close of our embassy at Mexico City, where I neologized, changed my plans, unfortunately. So, with consular credentials only, I started for the capital by way of Durango, where I went by railway. From Durango I started by wagon for Zacatecas, a distance of 150 miles, but at Fresnillo, 30 miles north of Zacatecas, I was arrested."

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ZAPATA CAPTURES CUERNAVACA AND HUERTA MEN FLEE

By ROBERT H. MURRAY.

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VERA CRUZ, May 8.—Cuernavaca, capital of the State of Morelos, was taken by Emiliano Zapata Wednesday. The city, which lies 40 miles to the south of Mexico City, was evacuated by the Federal garrison without fighting, save for some unimportant skirmishes on the outskirts. The garrison yielded under orders from Huerta.

Zapata rode into Cuernavaca at the head of 6000 men, who immediately began a series of fiestas in celebration of an injunction to return to Huerta and their success, which crowned three years of almost continuous attempts at capturing the city.

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LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

Preston Hill on the New Charter.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.

In reply to your question "What is my opinion of the New Charter?" I will state that I consider it a very great improvement on the present charter, which has been in force since 1875. Of course the new proposed charter is by no means perfect. Nobody expected that it would be because we are hampered by the restrictions of the State Constitution. But I am convinced that the Board of Freeholders have honestly, conscientiously and impartially studied the problem and have done the very best they knew how and about as well as could be expected under the circumstances. The fact that there is difference of opinion among them is rather encouraging than otherwise because an honest difference of opinion is almost sure to occur among a number of men who approach the problem from different points of view.

There are some things in the proposed new charter which I do not like and which are defects from my point of view, and I am sure that everybody will find something to criticize from their individual standpoint. But we all must remember that the Board of Freeholders had to make a charter that would receive the support of the whole people of St. Louis and that a charter that would satisfy all groups of individuals would be condemned by all the others.

The very things which I consider too conservative, other people reject as far too radical and any charter that has any chance to be adopted, must be a series of compromises so as to reflect the average public opinion of all the voters. In judging the new charter, therefore, each voter must decide not whether it is the best possible charter from his point of view but whether on the whole it has better qualities and fewer defects than the present charter.

And we must not concentrate our minds solely on picking out defects in the new document as is illustrated by the following anecdote: A great painter of antiquity resolved to paint a picture as perfect as he was capable of. When he had finished it, he exposed it in the gallery with a notice requesting anybody to point down on the tablet which he left there for that purpose, any defects which he might discover in the painting. When he returned in the evening, he was amazed to find that every part of the picture had been severely condemned by someone. He was greatly discouraged until a happy thought occurred to him. He left the picture another day with a notice requesting anybody to point out on the tablet any GOOD point which he might discover in the picture, and the next night he was gratified by finding that the painting had been even more extravagantly praised the second day than it had been condemned the first.

So it is with the work of the Freeholders. We must not judge it solely with the purpose of finding defects and objections. We must also appreciate its good qualities which I am sure greatly overshadow the few defects.

WM. PRESTON HILL, M. D.

Carutherville Bids for Pevely Saddlers.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.

We do not know who planned the line of march to Mexico for Senator Culpeper's fighting substitute, Pevely Saddlers, so that he would make Carutherville, but due to the cause, we call attention to a grave error in not arranging that he make this town. Close study of Pevely's country maps will show that there is a lot of arid territory south to be traveled, and unless the expedition is well provisioned at some point north of that territory, it might perish on the way. As a supply station for Pevely, Carutherville can't be beat, and another great point in favor of the expedition making a stop is that the substitute might learn considerable about financing his expedition.

Let him escape the posse and get here for refreshments. JAMES J. LONG, People's Bank.

Defending Their Homes.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.

As to the so-called "sniping" in Vera Cruz, let us continue the tale of John L. Sullivan and the boy who refused to apologize a second time. Suppose the big fellow started for the boy's home to take possession and get satisfaction for the egregious wrong and that the boy's brothers, believing John L. was in the wrong, laid traps for him from ambush instead of coming out in the street to be knocked out one by one. Of course, they should have done this and submitted quietly to have their house taken, no matter how certain they were that one apology was enough. They should not have so wantonly violated the time-honored rules of the prize ring. Of course not.

JOSEPH O'GRADY.

Vanished Mexican War Veterans.

From the Harrodsburg (Ky.) Herald.

Of the 154 men in Mercer County who enlisted in the Mexican War many years ago not one of the number is now living, eight or ten having answered time within the last four or five years.

THE A. & M. BUBBLE.

The milk in the A. & M. cocoon is coining out. The suit of "Cap" Troll against Leo J. Scherrer discloses facts which explain the speculative scheme back of the bridge grab.

It appears from Troll's statement in connection with his foreclosure proceedings against Scherrer that Troll holds the mortgage to the famous 57-acre tract which was the principal asset of the Alton & Mississippi. Troll financed Scherrer and holds options on several tracts of land near the projected A. & M. approach line.

The flimsy character of the rights offered the city by Scherrer is shown by the fact that the loss of the land mortgaged to Troll makes it impossible for Scherrer to give the city the right of way for the A. & M. approach. His interest in the scheme hung on a shadowy equity in a piece of mortgaged land.

The whole scheme is exposed as a speculative bubble created by a promoter and a politician for personal gain. It was a job put up on the city. The facts verify everything the Post-Dispatch printed about the grab. They justify the tremendous popular campaign of the Post-Dispatch and the Citizens' Committee for the Reber approach bonds.

What about the House A. & M. combine? How can its members and their apologists justify their prolonged obstruction of bridge completion for the benefit of Scherrer and Troll? It is said that "Cap" Troll's political influence induced the House combine to stand by the A. & M. grab in order that he might realize on his mortgage and land equities. If this is all that held the combine together, Troll has a powerful pull.

The disclosures emphasize the necessity of prompt and favorable action on the bridge bonds. With the bursting of the A. & M. bubble the House combine might be willing to carry out the popular will.

EXIT MRS. O'LEARY'S COW.

Mrs. O'Leary's cow did not upset the lamp in a De Koven street stable. She did not cause the great Chicago fire that burned up \$190,000,000 worth of property. She is not entitled to her niche in history as the cow whose hind leg recoiled in the most expensive kick that ever flew out from hoof of the bovine family.

Mrs. Rebecca Thrift—mockery of a name for one who destroyed so much thrift—caused that fire. She has said so herself, in a dying confession made in the County Infirmary at Lima, O., but Chicago will investigate. Chicago does well to investigate. Next to her pleasant social habit of wearing dress suits at formal breakfasts and her profit-sharing arrangement with her traction companies, nothing has yielded Chicago as much of the very cream of publicity as her pyromaniac cow. What was once deemed a heavy liability was long ago appraised as one of the most precious of civic assets.

When Chicago reduces its history to a pageant, Mrs. Thrift carrying a firebrand might be more easily managed than a cow that would kick at a psychological moment, but that's Mr. Mackay's lookout. Chicago without its O'Leary cow would be as unrecognizable as Missouri without its houn' dawg. By the way, will the houn' dawg have a place in our pageant?

A FARM FOR THE WORKHOUSE.

Capt. Primavera, Superintendent of the Workhouse should have his wish that the quarry at that institution be discontinued and that the city try farming and gardening as a means of reformation for offenders sentenced to the Workhouse, instead of stone breaking.

The idea is based upon humane sentiment as well as increased utility. If it be true that

God the first garden made

And the first city Cain,

it is also probable that Cain and his descendants dug the first quarry and started the first rockpile. "Rock-PILE"—obnoxious word, suggestive of direct drugging and stonier hearts. Who but a geologist or a street contractor can find any interest in its creation and growth?

But a farm, a garden, or a combination of both, how full of life, of diversity, of varied interests! There are the animals, of whom Walt Whitman sung:

They are so placid and self-contained,
Not one is dissatisfied, not one is demented with
the mania of owning things,
Not one is respectable or unhappy over the whole
earth,

and there are vehicles, crops, trees, birds, occasional wild things, and the open sky. You are not down in a hole in the ground, but on earth's surface, with a view that speaks of freedom. And meanwhile you are performing a service that has always been held in high honor.

Kansas City and other cities have created municipal farms of this kind and found it profitable both to the workhouse prisoners and the community. St. Louis cannot make the change any too soon.

SHOULD WOMEN PARADE?

Today many hundreds of women parade the streets of the nation's capital, for the second time, in the interest of the woman suffrage crusade. And, incidental to this event, the newspapers have received a circular from Washington voicing the sentiments of the National Woman Suffrage Association and asking "Should women parade?"

Of course women should parade, if they want to, with banners, badges and bands. It is their privilege, and they should be protected in it. It is excellent exercise. It brings them out in the fresh air and gives them an opportunity to be seen of men.

It is impossible to understand the male opposition to a women's parade, even in dignified Washington. The one best thing in city life is the daily sight of women out of doors, decked in their finery and flushed with exercise and coze. But, while they keep to the sidewalks men are not supposed to stop and have a satisfying look at them. When they take to the middle of the street, in their "go-to-meeting clothes,"

we are all invited to stand and gaze. And we do it.

As for the women paraders, though Suffragists, they recognize the fact that their cause is not helped by dowdiness or eccentricity in dress. And so they "droll up," as they should.

Let the women march on.

BY THE SWEAT OF HIS BROW.

There may be ways of getting money without effort, but robbing a corner store is not one of them. Robbers usually have to work hard for what they get, and sometimes for what they don't get. But few of this industrious class have ever shown the prodigious energy or ingenuity of the nameless hero of Thursday night—Indefatigable felon who, by the sweat of his brow, pulled the corner store out of the Lutheran Church wall, cut open the copper box, and extracted the Columbian half dollar which was to have rewarded the delving of future numismatist and archaeologist into the ruins of our crumbling civilization.

Let us bestow a passing censure on the felony, vandalism and profanation of a religious edifice, to come at the amazing economic phase of the case. A Columbian half dollar is 50 cents. There's no premium on it worth mentioning. It is just "four bits" over the bar—and that's where most of it went, we make no doubt. A hard-working burglar, after straining all night at a corner store and sealed copper box, would naturally refresh himself with some good working man's beer. And to think that he could buy only ten at most with the earnings of a long night shift!

What amazes the thoughtful mind is that a big strong man of unusual intelligence would sell his labor so cheap. Isn't he a laborer worthy of his hire? The self-respecting stonemason who blocked and trimmed and put in that same corner stone probably got 65 or 70 cents an hour, and the worthy cooper who fashioned the box an equal rate. They could take their time to it decently in board daylight, without having to keep one eye out for the policeman, and they doubtless made enough honestly out of the job to pay rent and buy groceries and malt brew besides. For a night shift they would have charged double.

We don't want to bear down too hard on poor burglars, but the more we see of their work, the more firmly we are convinced they are a lot of cheap and contemptible scabs, fools and abandoned wretches.

BRITAIN'S TAX LOAD.

Under Lloyd-George's new budget, the British income tax rises to nearly 13 per cent upon the largest incomes. The exemption remains as before, \$800, with an added \$50 allowed for each child under 16 in incomes under \$2500. The new American income tax exempts incomes of \$3000 for single and \$4000 for married men, and rises to 7 per cent on incomes above \$500,000.

While the new British income tax is roughly double ours at the top, it falls upon a larger number of incomes by reason of its small exemption.

A tax to which we have no parallel is that upon estates. Death duties begin at 1 per cent upon estates exceeding \$500, rise under the new rates to 20 per cent upon the very largest estates.

The budget is called a "popular" one because its increased burden falls chiefly upon the very rich. There is no way to prevent such exactions from being, in the long run, distributed over the community. As for local taxation, some of the poorer British towns and boroughs are now so heavily burdened that the new budget for the first time assigns \$21,000,000 to help them out by their local needs to avert bankruptcy. These facts point to a great and prosperous nation which is being very heavily taxed. For this condition the Tories will blame Liberal social legislation. The Liberals will retort that war waste is chiefly responsible and that the new expenditures, such as old-age pension and the helping out of poor localities, with roads and schools, is at least doing something to relieve the most needy.

OUR COLONEL'S RIO DE DUVIDA.

Any reluctance that river our Colonel discovered in South America may have about staying discovered will be futile. Jeering London geographers pretend to believe that it pours its majestic floods right across the meandered courses of a dozen other great rivers. What of it, if it does? Any river the Colonel discovers naturally has the right of way over dozens, over scores of less favored streams.

Accepting the latitude and longitude he gives of its source and mouth, the water of this riparian wonder must run uphill, hoot the London sceptics. Much of the Colonel's career has been devoted to effort for making water run that way at home. If he has succeeded abroad, it is a tribute to his meritorious perseverance, impatient waters were probably only awaiting discovery by him to begin behaving that way all over South America.

What but pure envy could inspire these efforts to put our Colonel in the Doc Cook class? There have been impious doubters who even mistrusted the authenticity of his discovery of the Ten Commandments. The great enemy of the nature-faking that tampers with our fauna, himself one of the nature-fakers who mutilate geography? The charge carries its own refutation.

There is only one doubtful thing about the discovery of the River of Doubt by our official national discoverer of things—who is also our official censor of national morals, our national exemplar of civic virtue, our national evangel of uplift and the only original and genuine inventor of social justice. That is, of course, its name.

WHEN IS THE PRIME OF LIFE?

From the Living Church.

A Chicago man, a leader in the commercial life of that city, is quoted as saying: "Among the men I hire, nine out of ten are better workers at 45 years of age than the men of 25 or 30." This man firmly believes that the man of 45 is at the prime of life, physically and mentally. He also holds that men of mature years are more reliable and less apt to become restless after a year or two in a position and to seek new fields. The average young man, he says, is seeking a "soft snap" and is not the sort of employee who will stick by his employer through thick and thin until his services become highly valuable, and in many cases indispensable. We often hear young men complain of their inability to get settled. That is largely because they do not settle, do not seek to adjust themselves to their work and make the most of their opportunity. Opportunity seldom knocks at our doors. We must knock at the door of opportunity and be prepared to push the door a little if necessary.



TREED.

JUST A MINUTE.

Written for the Post-Dispatch by Clark McAdams.

OUR LATIN COUSINS.

The people of South and Central America are often called our Latin cousins, and Isabella de Pierola, at least seems to us cousinly. Mr. Pierola is the son of Don Nicola de Pierola, Peru's most famous statesman, who was twice president of the republic. According to Peru Today, a publication in that country, Mr. Pierola has such a useful and illuminating idea of our own relations with the Latin-Americans that we cannot forbear offering it in contrast to the balderdash upon this subject more or less current. Dear reader, if you are disposed to the theory that God's great gyroscope is not holding anybody's head level in Latin-America in these troublous times, please read this:

With the opening of the Canal, the establishment of American banks in South America, trade expansion will take place with the United States and I see no danger in the commercial influence of our northern neighbor. I am not a believer in the danger of "Yankee Imperialism" because I believe that they must have our good will if they want to sell their goods. On the contrary, greater contact with northern men of energy will bring about needed reforms in our social and business life and encourage a spirit of greater energy, optimism and more scientific methods in trade. It is important for all Peruvians to consider that foreign capital, and particularly that under the American flag, should be more interested in Peru, it will be a much more effective means of protection than any armies or navies we could form or build. That is what Mr. Pierola, on setting out for the United States on business a short time ago, said to the editor of Peru Today. If the gentleman will

but call upon us at the White House we shall be pleased to decorate him for political candor and being able to see around bends. He is our cousin, indeed.

MEXICAN WAR BALLADS.

XIX.

I rather like Villa,
He makes such a din,
And if I have patience
I know he will win.
He'll catch Mr. Huerta
And shoot him some night,
And then we'll be certain
That Wilson was right.

"Do you think Puritanism is losing ground in the United States?"
"Not at all. I think the old New England Puritanism is really just beginning to take an interest in the rest of the country."

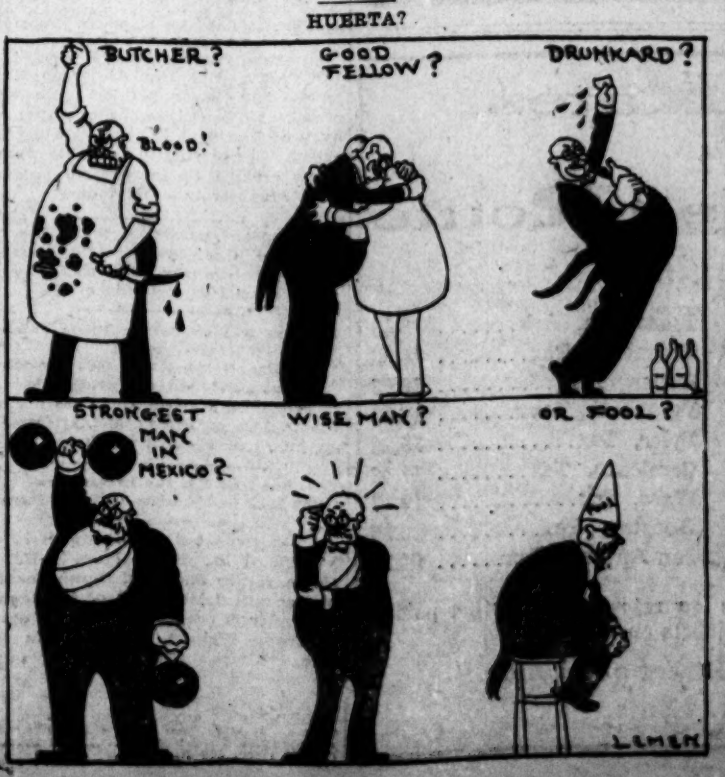
FAST FINDING OUT.

T. M. Hider, in Denver Times,
I bet the earth with paths of steel
And bridge the trackless sea;
The tunneled depths and thrusting heights

I walk with footsteps free.
My ships sail shore in the Southern sun
And circle the icy poles.
In mine-sieved hills of coal and gold
I mimic the cunning moles.

My cities rise by the inland sea
And the swirling river's banks;
On the sun-bleached plains of No
Man's land.

I marshal my sacred ranks;
But the one lost land whose border lines
My engineers defy.
Is the dim, uncertain twilight land
Between a truth and a lie.



ANSWERS TO QUERIES

BEAUTY CULTURE.

SKINNY.—To obtain the most external, peas, beans, macaroni, milk, cream, butter, salads (with oil), sugar, etc., have been recommended as fattening foods. Exercise and pure air are important. Excessive salt, which is dangerous, has been recommended. Exercise deep breathing and chew food thoroughly. All persons do not require the same hours of sleep; eight hours are usually enough. Never worry.

LEOPARDES.—Wash freckles several times a day in buttermilk and lemon juice. Try Cowland's lotion for stubborn freckles. An English beauty doctor is recommending the old-fashioned treatments that grandmothers used. He urges butter-milk as a drink and as a wash for the face. He makes his own nutria beer and urges that it be drunk freely, as well as coltsfoot and dandelion beers. All these being good for the complexion. Lanolina, cocoa butter and cucumber juice are prescribed as an exfoliant. He says the simplest and cheapest form of beauty culture is washing the face in water that has been boiled.

JEM.—There is some uncertainty as to satisfactory results in use of henna as a dye for hair. Henna paste is made by reducing the dried leaves to a coarse powder and mixing with hot water. When used alone it turns white hair to fine golden red. To produce clear brown in one hour mix henna with a paste with three parts indigo, also reduced to a paste. The paste is applied all over the head and roots to tip, left on a half hour or longer, according to natural color of hair; then washed off. The resulting tint is produced by the Oriental Henny paste, which contains the ingredients: Powdered henna, 4 lbs.; citric acid 4 drams, white honey 4 drams, powdered rhubarb 4 drams. Hot water sufficient to form a paste. Apply as directed for the foregoing. Long ends of hair should be washed in strands upon the head after it is thoroughly covered with paste and left for two hours to dry. It should be washed off in several waters softening. (See Answers p. 1.)

HOUSEHOLD HELPS.
READER.—We find no formula for fritzel knuckles (German cookies).

E. K.—To set colors in cotton dress: Soak in cold water and salt-cupful salt to 3 gallons water.

ECONOMY.—Color old and faded rug by applying an ammonia solution of the colors required, with a water-color brush.

M. H.—Vanilla ice cream: Make custard of quart of milk and seven eggs, beaten light, with 3 cups sugar. Boil, stirring steadily, until custard coats spoon, then set aside to cool. Flavor with extract of vanilla and stir into quart of rich cream. Beat hard, turn into freezer and freeze.

POLLY.—By your persistent kindness and by allowing no more diets to take to your parrot, may become tame. Usual food: Every morning, coffee with cream and sugar, with bread soaked in it, removing remains of about 10 minutes; at 8 or 9 p. m., sunflower seed, with a very little hemp seed; 2 or 3 peanuts in two weeks; a peach once a month in winter; a cherry in season twice a week; corn on cob in season, without salt, once a week in place of seeds; sweet potato 6 times a year in place of seeds. Hints: Do not keep a white bird as recommended. Always have water in cage. Spoils or any kind of wood must be given to him. Do not let him see you when teaching him to talk; let nothing distract his attention while you speak. The parrot has a healthy parrot that is not given coffee; it eats almost anything that is not

G. G. H.—You may see the statistics of Missouri in the Public Library reference room.

SMILER.—You should live up to your contract with the school, but may plead minority if there is suit for garnishment.

READER.—You would not need East St. Louis horse and wagon license for a day's time on the street side if you drive the vehicle over.

J. G. J.—If not divorced, the husband, though separated from wife 4 years, has a legal right to her property to her funeral or burial, he paying the expenses.

J. E. W.—Police Captain has the right to fine a prisoner, and there is no record of any such incident. If you have any information of this character submit it to the Police Board or Chief of Police.

MRS. R.—By all means be in the Justice Court when the case is called. Otherwise judgment will be rendered against you by default. When your case is called, produce your evidence and explain the facts to the judge. It is not necessary that you retain a lawyer to represent you; if decided against you, you can appeal; this should be done at once. You may have a lawyer to do so, in which event a lawyer would be so then be engaged.

WHO OWNS PRESCRIPTION?

JONES.—We do not recall any notable statute in regard to the prescription ownership. By custom drugists invariably take the ownership of the prescriptions placed in their hands to be filled, for their own protection and the convenience of the customer who may wish more than one filling of his prescription, but the law as it stands in this respect is not clear. It is that the prescription is the property of the person presenting it, and the druggist, if he demands its return by the patient, he is liable for it. If he gives up an original prescription, he frequently supplies the person requesting the prescription with a copy and retains the original. The law states the druggist is required by law to retain a copy of the original. The Supreme Court has decided that a prescription after it is written is the sole property of the patient, and the pharmacist who compounds it is only the custodian. He cannot lawfully make a copy or dispose of the original without the physician's consent. The patient is not purchasing the prescription; he is only buying the ingredients specified.

MISCELLANEOUS.

ACTRESS.—You might try the Atlas Film Co.

E. R.—First wedding anniversary, cotton. Set table with small dolls of sheet cotton with some small ornaments. Use white centerpiece and have bowl of white roses. Put a quilt on each place have a white cotton ball tied about with any colored ribbon. Inside the table can be boxes of wedding cake as souvenirs. If you choose you can write the invitations in Indian ink on a piece of white cotton cloth, folding them to fit in regular envelopes. Presents: Almond anything cotton. The one who is Bureau scarf, shirt waist, socks, belt, a Marcelline spread, lawn or creosote lawn, a dainty cushion, a pair of curtains, a cretonne laundry or shoe bag. A cotton umbrella might please the husband.

100-Year-Old Apple Tree.
From the Mount Olive Tribune-Democrat.
J. F. Wheeler has an apple tree on his North Fork farm, near Apple, that is probably the largest and oldest tree of its kind in this section of the State. It measures nine and one-half feet in circumference and is over a century old and produces an abundance of apples of the sweet variety.

Keeping the Money at Home.
From the Winchester Democrat.
"Keep the Money at Home" clubs are being organized in many nearby cities. It will surprise you to know how many clubs a \$10 bill spent at home will pay and then come back to you. But if you send it away, it's gone from the community.

Hide on New York.
From the Cleveland Leader.
New York has decided that open dust cans and open dust carts must go. But aren't there other things in New York that we'd like to see?

The Real "Live" Ball of the Federal League Goes by the Name of Phil

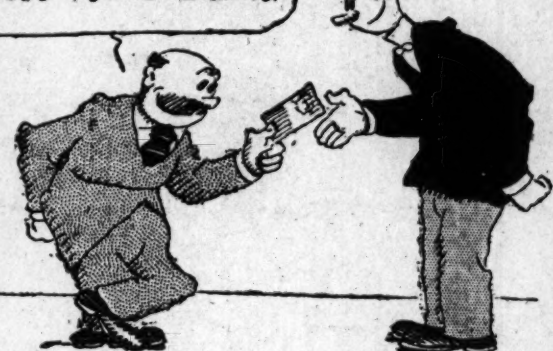
MR. SHORT SPORT: At 3 cents the mile, Shorty is now 66 2-3 miles further away from that million

By Jean Knott

YE-EH! WHAT GOOD DOES IT DO ME TO REMEMBER WHERE I GOT THE MILLION WHEN I CAN'T GO AND GET IT BECAUSE LUNK AND ALBERTOS ARE ALWAYS HANGING AROUND ON DEAR! IF I COULD ONLY WORK SOME STRATEGEM ON 'EM



HERE'S A WHOLE DOLLAR LUNK RUN DOWN TO THE CORNER AND BUY YOURSELF SOME CIGARS.



THANKS.

AN' HERE'S A DOLLAR FOR YOU, Y'LL RASCAL YOU RUN ALONG AN' BUY YOURSELF SOME ICE CREAM.



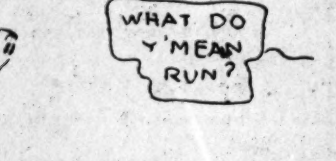
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NOW YOU COME AND GO WITH US



HEY FELIX, HOW FAST CAN YOU RUN?

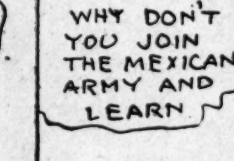
WHAT DO Y' MEAN RUN?



HOW ARE YOU ON YOUR PINS?



TEE-HEE-I CAN'T RUN AT ALL.



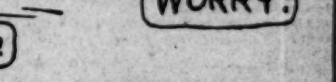
WHY DON'T YOU JOIN THE MEXICAN ARMY AND LEARN



SWISH



I SHOULD WORRY!



RICKEY SAYS HE'LL TRY TO MAKE IT THREE STRAIGHT

Browns' Manager Sends in Baumgardner to Pitch Against Van Gegg.

CLEVELAND, O., May 9.—"We are going to make it three straight," said Branch Rickey this afternoon. "To that end Baumgardner will pitch, and George is right."

Agnew went behind the bat again. Van Gegg went to the box for the Naps. He has pitched but one game this year, shutting out Detroit with five hits but allowing eight bases. About 4000 fans were on hand at game time.

THE BATTING ORDER.
Browns. Cleveland.
Johnson 1b. Turner 3b.
Williams 2b. Jackson 2b.
Lajoie 3b. Grady 2b.
Lacy 1b. O'Neil c.
Agnew c. O'Neil c.
Umpire—Hildebrand and O'Loughlin.
Attendance—4000.

AMES' PITCHER FANS 17, 4-0
AMES, Ia., May 8.—The Ames baseball nine shut out Missouri University, 4-0, in the first of the series between the Tigers and Cyclones on State Field, yesterday afternoon. The pitching of Rumley was the classiest that has been seen on an Ames diamond in years.

OLDAN NINE KNOCKS YEATMAN OUT OF LEAD
In the best played intrastate baseball game of the season, Solon defeated Yeatman this morning at St. Louis University campus, starting 3-0. Lenauer and Hoerr were the rival hurlers. Washington owned two verdicts in the three games already played.

ST. LOUIS U. TO PLAY PIKERS' FOURTH GAME
The fourth game of the local collegiate baseball series between Washington and St. Louis universities will be played this afternoon on the Billiken campus, starting at 3 p. m. Lenauer and Hoerr will be the rival hurlers. Washington owns two verdicts in the three games already played.

Polo Challengers Lose Again.
LONDON, May 9.—Walter S. Buckmaster's polo team today beat Baron Wimborne's reconstructed team by 9 goals to 8 in the final test match played at Hurlingham.

Welsh and Britton Matched.
NEW YORK, May 9.—Freddie Welsh, the English lightweight champion, and Jack Britton were yesterday matched to meet in a 10-round bout of the Twynard A. C. at Times Park, May 20. The two are under contract to weigh 135 pounds at 2 p. m. on the day of the bout.

GEN. SICKLES BURIED WITH MILITARY HONORS
WASHINGTON, May 9.—All the honors of war were paid to the late Major-General Sickles, who was buried in Arlington National Cemetery here today. The body of the veteran corps commander was carried in solemn procession from the Union Station, where it lay in state through the night, to the cemetery, accompanied by an escort of cavalry and field artillery.

Following the casket, which bore the body, was led the General's rideless horse. As the procession passed through the grounds of Fort Meyer, a Major-General's artillery salute was fired, and at the grave three salutes of rifles and another artillery salute marked the placing of the body in its last resting place. The Rev. Father J. D. Houlihan, chaplain of Fort Meyer, read the funeral service.

In addition to the regular army escort a large number of Civil War veterans marched in the procession.

WRAVY'S COLUMN

Another Jolt for Organized Baseball.

WITHIN a few days we have this hot off the bat—organized baseball will be shaken to the fact that it has received another jolt from the Federals and right where it lives—in the minor league region.

Charity Begins at Home.
RIGHT here in St. Louis the start will be made. Phil Ball and Otto Stifel, both catalogued as good sports as well as wealthy men able to pay for a hobby, say they WILL NOT STAND FOR A LOSER! They have correctly sized up their club and find that it contains several weak spots. That the club will return from its present trip materially strengthened is their positive assertion.

Do It Now, Bo!
OWNERS in the past have declared they would "go out and get a winner." They failed because material was not purchasable under Organized Baseball conditions. Hampered by no recognition of the rights of their rivals, the Federals in a position to strengthen at once, and not wait for the close of the season.

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K NABE VIOLATED A POSITIVE ORDER of President Gilmore, while Brown obeyed that caused the difference. All managers of the Federal League have received written orders to cut kicking, baiting, umpires and unnecessary conversation. Brown, in following instructions.

Former Pirates Fail to Hit and Cardinals Miss Chance to Go Up
AN excellent opportunity to move up to fifth place in the National League race was bobbed Friday by the Cardinals when they permitted the Reds of Cincinnati to gallop off with the third game of the series by the score of 3 to 2. The Cards' old weakness, failure to hit at opportune times, was the chief reason for the defeat.

When a hurler like Leon Ames, a former Giant, is able to subdue the Cardinals, the difference is not missing guess is saying that something is wrong with the hitting department of the Robinson Field cads.

Ames had the Cards on his staff all the way. In addition to the four hits he presented passes to three Cardinals. He also boot a throw at the beginning of an inning, but no runs came.

Butler, Miller and Wilson each went hitless in four attempts to swing. Wilson, the all-right recruit, got back in left field again and picked two of the four blows off Ames. One was a double down the left-field line, with one gone, in the second, but the run was not forthcoming.

Opposed to Ames at the start was Dan Griner, the big hurler from Tennessee. Griner's game wasn't a bad one. A home run by Charley Herzog in the fourth frame netted two runs. Herzog

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A NOTHER baseball mystery: Why did the owner of the Cubs (Mr. Murphy, at that time) choose Hank O'Day to run his club, following his row with Evers, when right at hand he had an experienced manager, one whom a majority of St. Louis fans esteem a successful one, Roger Bresnahan?

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He's Up Against It.
O'DAY is having rough sledding from the start, with the Cubs, and the cry for his head is already heard in the streets. It is not impossible that what should have come to pass when Evers went, will eventually come to pass when O'Day goes. ROGER WILL BE IN THE SADDLE.

In the meantime the Murphy mystery is unsettled. It cost Murphy \$10,000 cash to get Roger to sign a three-year contract, calling for \$20,000. After all, he carefully put him on ice and Owner Taft keeps him there. Can anyone explain it?

Here's a Cinch.
In the meantime somebody in Chicago had better find a manager's job for the Duke of Tralee. If they don't, it's no wonder that THE FEDERAL LEAGUE WILL, by the end of two years.

Eliminating Herzog's homer, but one other run was charged against Griner. That, too, might have been avoided by sharper fielding.

One gone in the fourth, Marasano singled to center and pilfered second. On Hoblitzel's single to left, the Cubs foolishly tried to tally and left a victim to Griner's perfect throw to the plate. Then followed Herzog's over the fence homer, which was caught, Hoblitzel also counting on this blow.

Two were gone in the fifth when Moran and Groh bunched singles, and Griner pitched the way from first on Heinie's one-ply blow.

Huggins yanked Griner to let Win-go bat for him in the seventh. Willie Doak served in the eighth and picked up the four blows off Ames. One was a double down the left-field line, with one gone, in the second, but the run was not forthcoming.

Huggins gave Hoblitzel a life by fumbling his grounder in the second. On the next man, Herzog, Hug turned the feature play of the day by sending up for his error a few minutes previous. He ran behind second and with his bare hand, cut off Herzog from a base hit. A toss to Butler forced Hoblitzel at second.

Luttrell

THE POST-DISPATCH'S DAILY RECORD OF MARKETS AND FINANCE

BANK REPORT
AS A GUIDE
STOCKS STEADY

Missouri Pacific Breaks Then
Rallies Sharply; Bonds Are
Rather Firm.

Tonnage of the Steel Corporation Shows a Decrease.
NEW YORK, May 9.—The tonnage of the United States Steel Corporation on April 30, 1914, was 1,277,000 tons, a decrease of 17,000 tons over March.

By Leased Wire From the New York Bureau of the Post-Dispatch.

NEW YORK, May 9.—The Evening Post, in its copyrighted financial review today, says:

"The report on the capital requirements of the Rock Island Railway, submitted to a bondholder's committee by Mr. McKenna of the St. Paul, must be described as opening the discussion of the railway's actual situation, rather than closing it."

"On the face of the matter, this report seems to point to an annual expenditure, for improvement of property and equipment, which is less than \$1,000,000 above what the company has actually spent on the average in the past five years."

"But it is somewhat difficult to distinguish Mr. McKenna's conclusion as to what must be spent, from his judgment as to what the outlay ought to be."

"Furthermore, this report does not touch on the estimate by the company's chairman last March, as to what he imagined had to be raised to meet operating liabilities before next July."

"It is an account that the Schumacher estimate that the weight of criticism has converged, and the position will not be clear until those figures are analyzed by competent experts."

Mr. Schumacher's explanation, it will be recalled, was that the company's own past balance sheets when this matter is determined, and the McKenna report on the physical requirements has been digested in the light of detailed particulars, not yet published, the whole situation should be clear."

"It is impossible, in the meantime, to avoid a passing comment on the pitiful position in which the company's actual management is left, its service to the cause of rearing investors for whose interest it was trusted, has been limited to the issuance of a report which is coupled with the open threat that, unless somebody else solved the problem of the company's finances, the management would desert the ship."

"In the matter of obtaining a clear and authoritative view of the company's actual situation, this management, whose bungling performance in individual, whose ventures in exploitation brought about the present troubles, has not lifted a finger."

"The bank statement showed a stronger position, in spite of the \$1,000,000 gold shipment of the week to Paris. A gain of \$7,400,000 cash was credited to the company's account, and it was accompanied with a surplus in the loan account. On the other hand, the result was a \$5,000,000 increase in the surplus; that item, for the banks in the clearing house, is now far beyond the usual figure for this time of the year, and \$14,000,000 above this date in 1913. This explains the ease of money market. It remains to be seen how far the surplus will be affected in the next few weeks by the anticipated outward movement of gold."

WALL STREET SUMMARY.

The Wall Street summary said: "Special meeting Consolidated Gas Co. called for May 9. The stock rose from \$100.00 to \$105.00."

"John, Loebl & Co. refuse to finance \$100,000 Missouri Pacific notes. State Railroad Commission orders cancellation of all grade crossings in Milwaukee at \$20,000 cost."

"Chairman Tripp of Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Co. says there is no tangible thing which shows any improvement in business thus far."

"President Clarke of Lackawanna Steel Co. says business conditions at present are better than they were some time ago."

"New Haven inquiry now includes National City Bank account of loans to Billard company."

"Over 11,000 boxes of tin plate from United Kingdom will reach San Francisco in 10 days."

"Dun's Review says business is improving, but that iron and steel show less progress."

"Chairman Pierce says Westinghouse reorganization plans will be completely arranged within two weeks."

DETAILED REPORT OF DAY'S WALL STREET TRANSACTIONS.

NEW YORK, May 9.—Bear traders reaped their attack on the market at the meeting today. The market was a little over night supplied an ostensible motive influence the cables reported a sharp drop in popular stocks in London.

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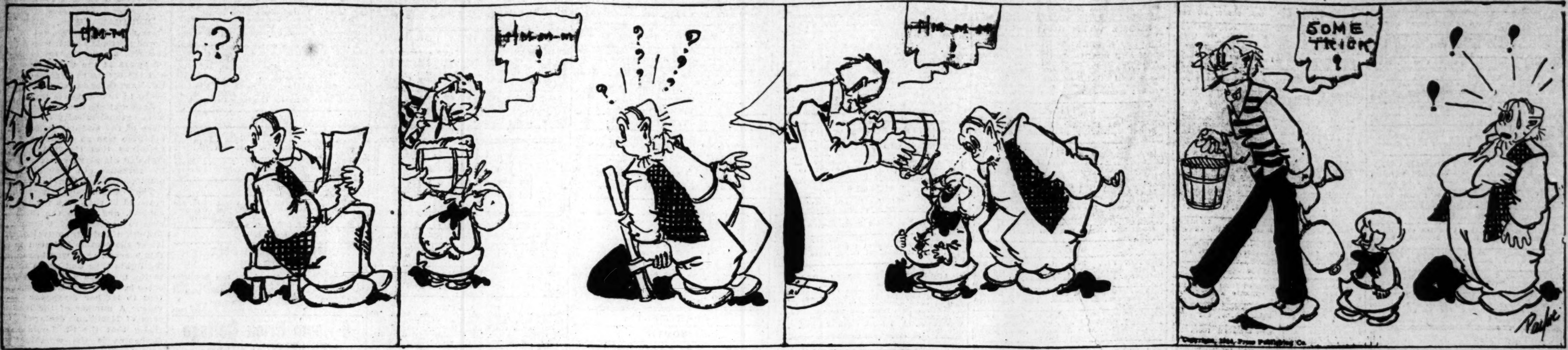
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S'Matter Pop?

Pop and the Kidlet Fool Uncle Si.

Drawn for the Post-Dispatch
By C. M. PAYNE.



The Jarr Family

By ROY L. McCARDELL.

Mr. Jarr Dodges a Rice Avalanche in the Role of Brideless Benedict.

MR. JARR dug the showering rice out of his eyes and ears and opened his mouth to protest, only to have it filled with so much rice thrown into it that he almost suffocated.

"What do you mean? What do you mean?" he gasped.

"It's all right—it's all right!" exclaimed Harold Dogstony, the press agent. "Just carry this bouquet of bride and walk out to the taxi with fat lady!"

"I won't do anything of the kind!" barked Mr. Jarr. "I'm going right on on the train and not get off it until I get home!"

"Now, don't create a scene, old top!" Harold Dogstony, appealingly, looked at Miss Rotundi, how she's taking

enough, the fat lady was walking the showers of rice, and, moreover the moving picture camera real blushing bride.

"Scene!" cried Mr. Jarr. "What are YOU doing? got the Chicago depot here reporters, photographers, ure men, and making a the bridegroom of a circus

"Be nice!" whispered the people in the show business. "I'm pulling off the newspapers ever fell a hit out of a flivver The Girl in The Green led in by the Law and

that do you want to put ME in for?" Mr. Jarr protested. "In the show business."

"All right, it's all right. Don't gangway!" retorted the press agent. "You needn't talk to the re-

I have said you are a big boob. And, anyway, I've got already typewritten: 'How I Fall in Love With La Belle and She's the Dearest, Sweetest, Well as the Fattest Thing in the Says the Happy Groom.' Come

he pulled and yanked the bearded Mr. Jarr along to a taxi, a back of which was attached a rd reading "We're Married!" and proved by the noise when t under way, a long string cans and sleigh bells.

ab wasn't to get away as Mr. Jarr bolted into it in a far corner, but tione Swarskopf, sister of shipping clerk of Mr. Jarr's occasionally known as "La Belle, the Obese Odalisque," attempt-

get in the taxi as she stuck fast the doorway.

There she stuck, half in and half out

fortunately, as he thought) not quite crushing the life out of him.

"I was just a-stalling," she panted, when the taxi started with a jerk; the crowd following, yelling, and a moving picture man with his camera pursuing in an open car. "I was only stalling. I could 'a' got in by drawin' in me breath and me stummick, but I wanted to close the scene with a picture. I tell you what, I'll bet I'll get notices out of this thing that will put me at the head of me own company in Supreme and Cyclonic Vaudeville, like Eva Tanguay or Marie Dressler. Ain't your friend there with the wallop as a publicity guy?"

Mr. Jarr felt that he would be there with a wallop FOR the publicity guy. "What do you mean getting my name mixed up in this thing, as marrying a fat woman?" he asked of the press agent when they arrived at the theater where "The Girl From the Cheese Fac-

Can You Beat It?

Drawn for the Post-Dispatch
By MAURICE KETTEN.



the door of the taxi, while the rice still showered from the paid rice-throwers, cried Harold Dogstony. "Oh, why didn't I think of having an American flag?"

Mr. Jarr was so upset by the humiliations he had undergone and so worried over the results he knew would follow the unenviable notoriety that had been thrust upon him, that he echoed a wish for the Old Flag, too. He wanted to die under it.

Finally, by the aid of the police, the newspaper men and several station porters, La Belle Rotundi was pushed through the doorway of the taxi, falling over upon Mr. Jarr, but (un-

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"Your name?" replied Harold Dogstony. "Hush! I've given it out you are Capt. Tynnetole. I never liked that guy, anyhow."

Mary's Hen

OUR Mary had a little hen, She had it fricasseed; And when she'd eaten it all up With her it disagreed. "I might have known as much," she said. When mopping off her brow: "It never did get well in life— Why should it set well now?" —Yonkers Statesman.

A cheerful loser is a good pretender.

Pa's Dairy

By HAZEN CONKLIN.

HE more money a man has the more ways his womenfolks figure out for him to spend it. When a fellow's poor they are always thinkin' "Can we afford to have it?" but when he's rich they change their tune to "Can we afford not to have it?"

Mrs. Carrington Bruce called Ma up last Friday and said they was goin' out to their summer place to start gettin' it ready for the summer.

"It would be fun," she says, "for just you folks and us to make a little weekend party of it. There's only the caretaker and his helpers there now, of course, but I can send some of the servants out ahead of us to have everything ready."

Ma said she thought it would be fine, and so did Charlie, though she said she hoped there wouldn't be any war start up before we got back, because she hadn't finished gettin' the things on her list for Charlie Higgins to take with him to the front.

Well, we went, and the trip is goin' to cost me, near as I can figure, \$300,000, which is goin' some.

"I'd allus thought of a 'cottage' as a little story-and-a-half frame house, with a little porch and two upstairs bedrooms. The kind we used to live in up at Dobbinville before Dobbin Soap became a good seller; and when Mrs. Carrington Bruce spoke of their 'cottage' I had some such place all pictured out.

But if their country house is a 'cottage,' then an ordinary house ain't nothin' but a dog-kennel. We went out in one of the automobiles. We came to two big stone posts and a driveway, with big trees all around, and a little ways back was a good-sized house that would be a mansion in Dobbinville.

"That's a nice place," I says when we turned in between the posts. "Some bigger'n I thought it would be, but I guess when you have company you fill it up all right."

Mrs. Bruce laughed. "Oh," she says, lookin' at it careless like, "that's where our caretaker lives. Our cottage is half a mile away yet."

And so it was. We went through a regular park, and came finally to the top of a little hill. Then Mr. Bruce had the chauffeur stop the car, and there was the lake sparklin' in the sun. Between us and the water was a whoppy big house, all spread out and surrounded by smaller buildin's, takin' up all of an acre. I guess there ain't many summer hotels much bigger or grander.

"That's our place," he says, sweepin' in his arm.

Well, I made a great impression on Ma, and Sunday she made the Bruce take us over to look at the next estate, which Bruce said was for sale. It wasn't 1-2-3 and a basket of shucks to him, but it was grand enough at that for anybody. There wasn't near so much land as the 'cottage' was smaller, only about as big as three ordinary churches.

"I heard," he says, "that the place can be bought for \$300,000 spot cash. Ma has decided for me to buy it."



"Pardon me, Miss, but I'm going to make a complaint about the length of your hat-pins."

He Was the Lobster

Where the Money Was

HE was one of those insufferable young pests who patronize downtown restaurants to flirt with stenographers and telephone girls who drop in about noon for lunch. Approaching a young woman who was sitting alone, he lifted his hat and said suavely: "I beg your pardon, miss."

"Well," interrogated the girl calmly. "Why, er—you see, it is this way: I made an engagement with a young lady whom I have never seen to meet me here. Now, are you waiting for me?"

The girl smiled queerly. "I might be waiting for you," she said.

"Ah! indeed," responded the masher delightedly. "Yes. You see, I ordered lobster and it hasn't come yet."

It Was His Deal

A MINING engineer in Yukon was one day watching a game of poker in which the stakes were heavy when he saw a player give himself four aces from the bottom of the pack. Indignant at such shameless cheating, he turned to a bystander and whispered: "Did you see that?"

"Why, that fellow dealt himself four aces!"

"Well, wasn't it his deal?"

The agent is comin' to see me tomorrow. "If we're goin' to be anythin' in the social world," says Ma, "we've got to have a summer estate. We can't afford not to."

Banishing Her Bugaboo.

"DEAR me," smiled grandmother, folding her paper, as Geraldine came in. "A bright newspaper woman says that growing old has gone out of fashion."

"Well," commented Geraldine, curling up kitten-wise in the big chintz chair, "you must admit that it never WAS popular with women."

"I know," reflected the old lady, "that the styles in moral codes, hair shades and frocks were as changeable as prima donnas' husbands, but I didn't dream that a decorous old age would ever be in bad form. What are we to do who already have one foot on Jordan's brink and the other poised in the air? We can't stand like storks through eternity."

"Go serenely on, pretending that your course is a deliberate one. Then people will murmur admiringly: 'Such a dear old lady! Such strength of character! So original!'"

"U-m," demurred grandmother. "Do I want to be an old lady, when all the rest are young?"

"Yes, if you are wise. Real honest-to-goodness old ladies are as scarce as aged aviators and as welcome as compliments. There are too many examples of shameless youth like the one I pointed out to Reginald at Palm Beach."

"That pink rosebud hat," I declared, "would be too young for Mm. And the baby bloom on her cheeks! And that skirt, Reginald! It is so short and thin that you can see her wabby old knees!"

"Don't criticize the child," reproved he. "Her nurse is to blame, most likely, or, maybe mother is setting out again."

"Child!" I exclaimed.

"Yes," Reginald answered, grinning. "She is undoubtedly in her second childhood."

"Once years were proudly borne. They were looked up to and respected by the young," averred grandmother.

Geraldine laughed.

"That is the way we treat our heavy reading now. We shelve it—upon the top shelf—and gaze respectfully up at it occasionally."

"At 40 a woman used to don a lace cap and begin to knit socks for her grand-children."

"Now she dons a badge and starts a crusade,"—Lippincott's.

Used His Eyes.

WE observant, my son," said Willie's father, "you will be a successful man."

"Yes," added his uncle. "Don't go through the world blindly. Learn to use your eyes."

"Little boys who are observing know a great deal more than those who are not," his aunt put in.

Willie took this advice to heart. Next day he informed his mother that he had been observing things.

"Uncle's got a bottle of whisky hidden in his trunk," he said; "Aunt Jane's got an extra set of teeth in her drawer and father's got a pack of cards behind the books in his desk."

Now, Smile.

A LITTLE nonsense now and then is relished by the best of men."

So from these lines it would appear that those who at all nonsense sneer And curl the lip, no matter who. Are plainly not the best of men.

Here's One Time Axel Is Right!

Drawn for the Post-Dispatch
By VIC.

